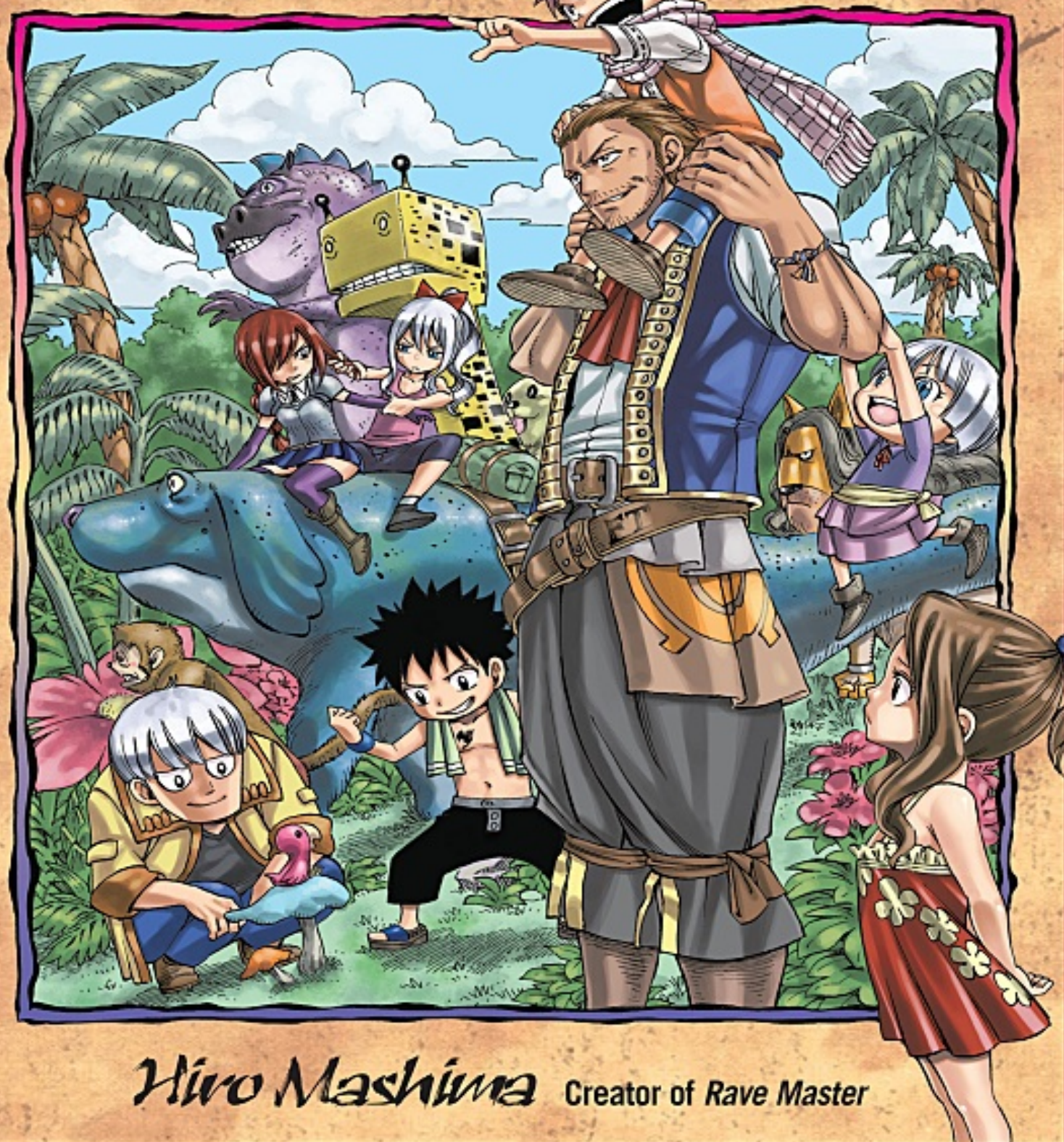


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Hiro Mashima Creator of *Rave Master*

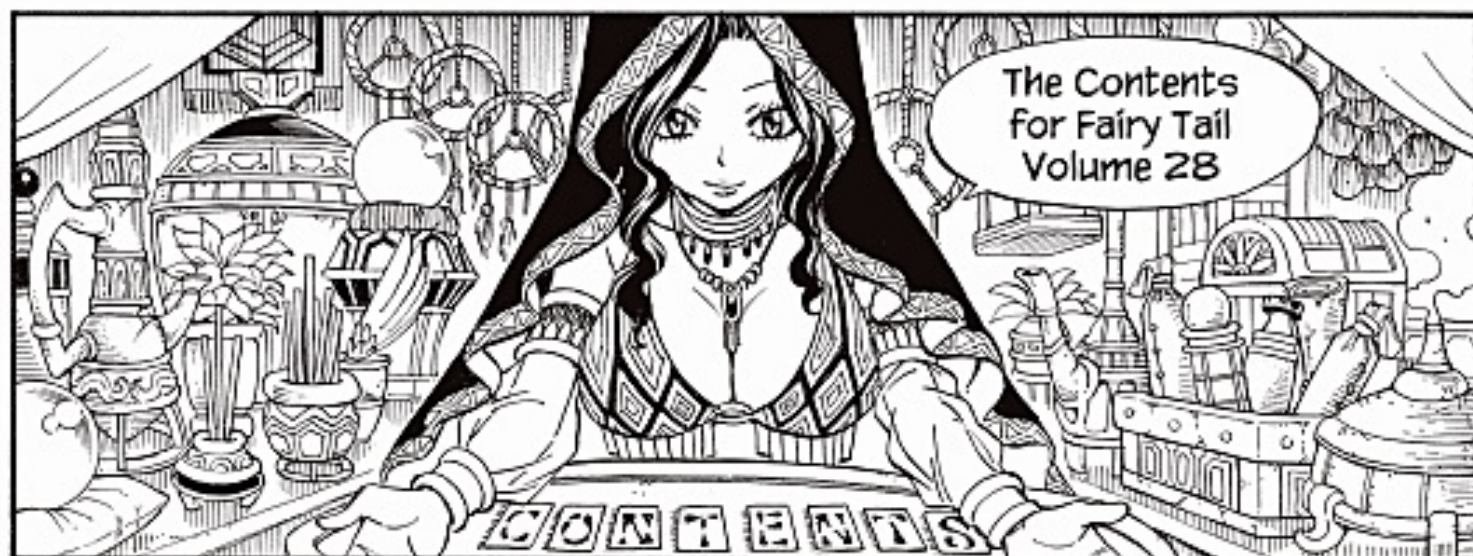
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HIRO MASHIMA



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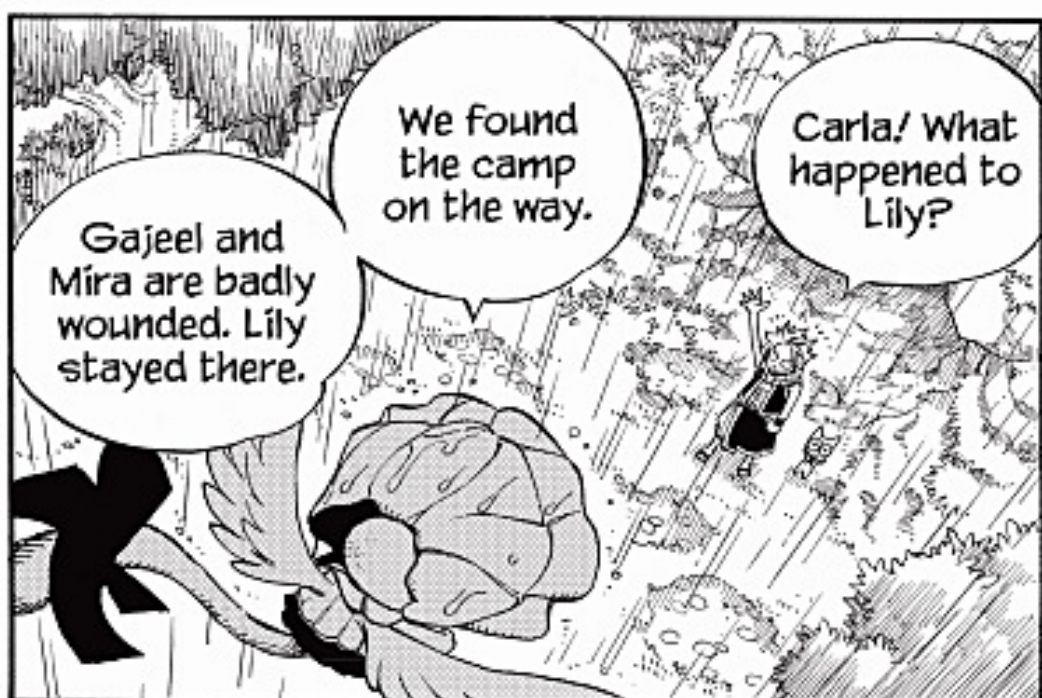


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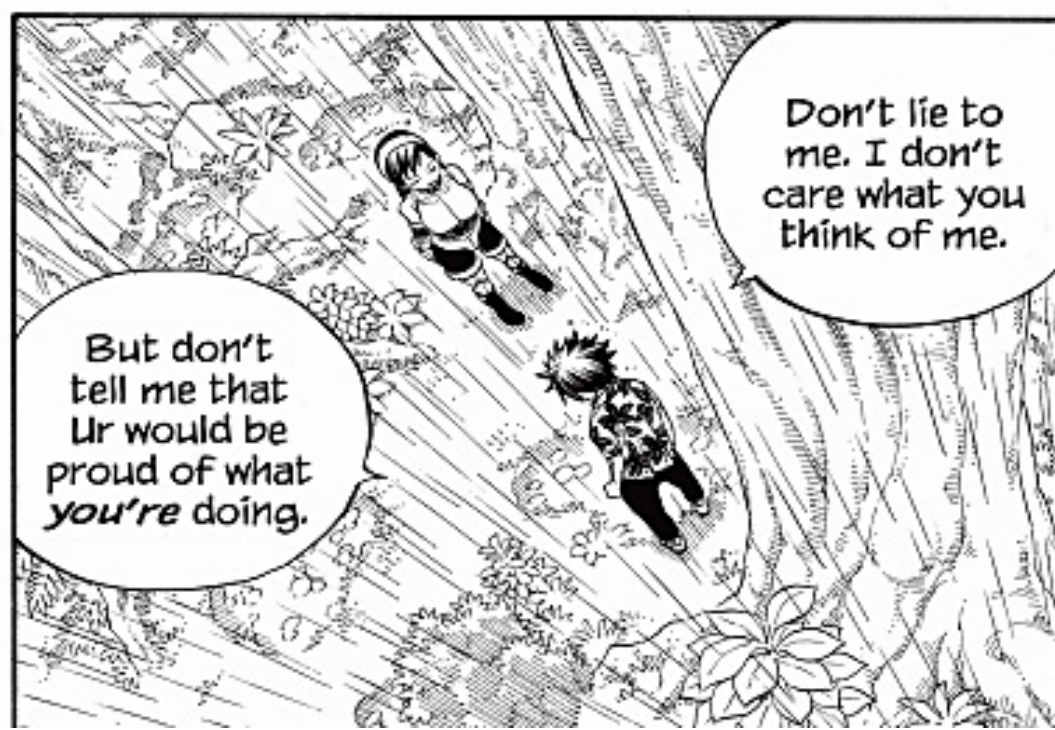
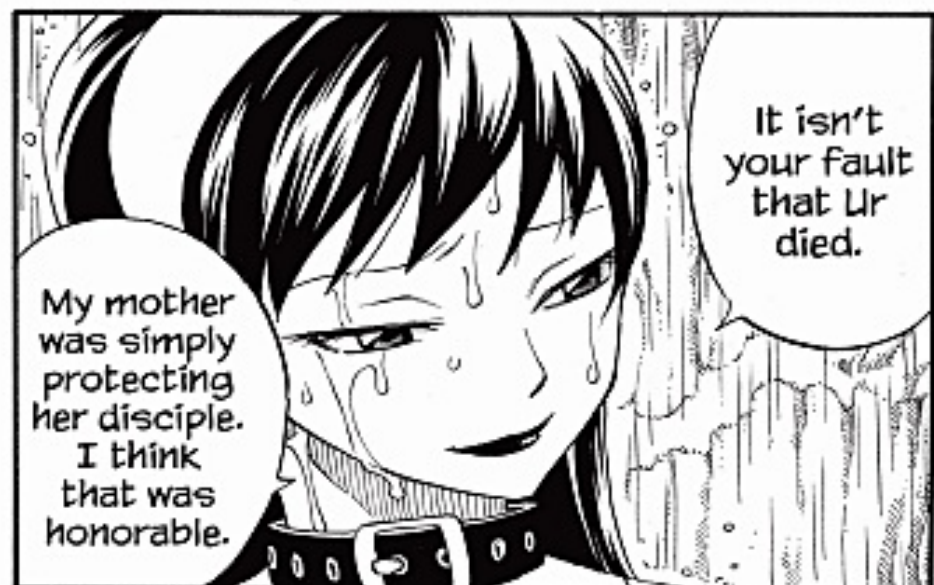


FAIRY TALE











That isn't all. It's probable that Deliora is also a demon from the Book of Zeref.

That's right!!!
Deliora was
the cause of
Ur's death
!!!!

And it was
Zeref
who *made*
Deliora,
right?!!



You
mean
Zeref?

How?

You're
wrong,
Gray.



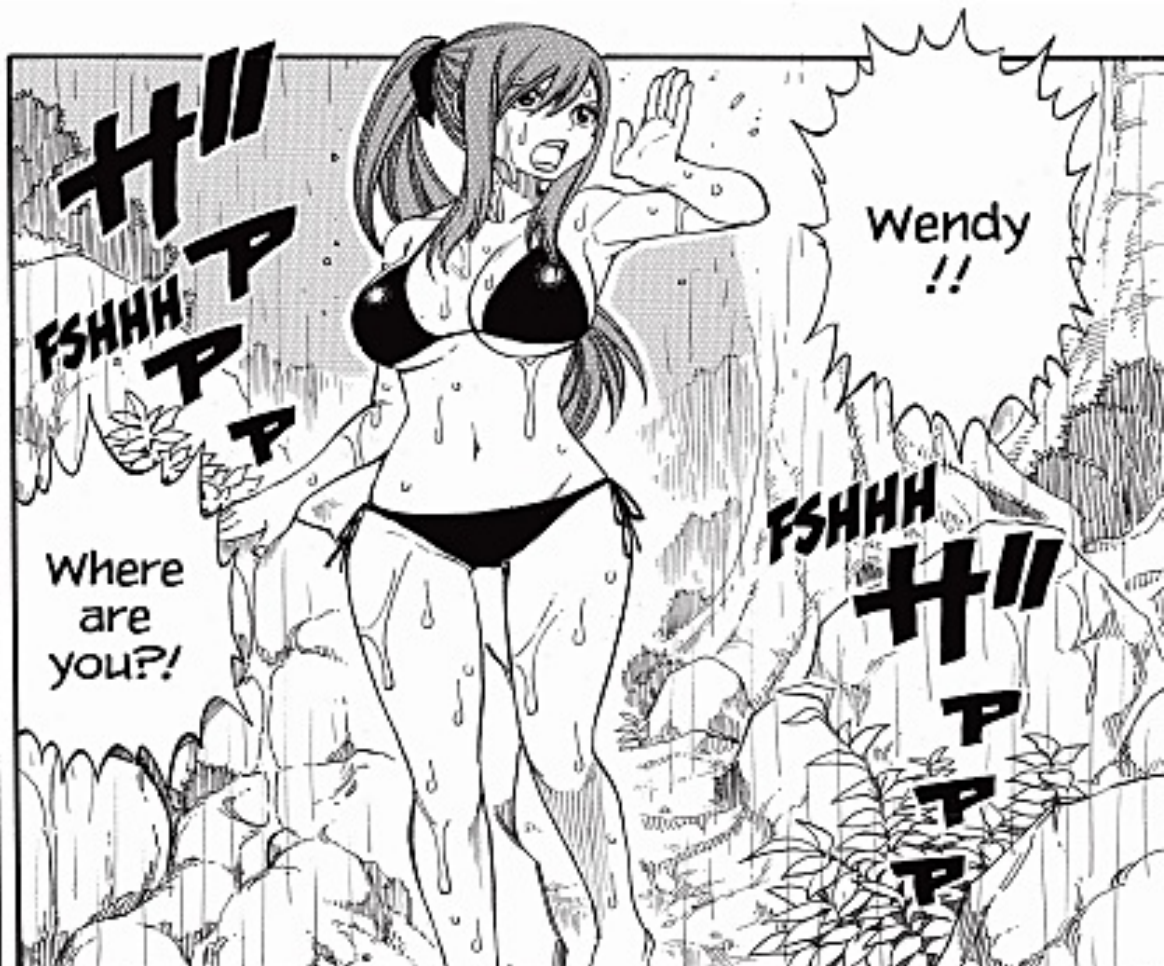
And now you're
all trying to use
Zeref to make that
ridiculous World
of Magic?!!!



Ur's
will!



What I am
doing is my
mother's...



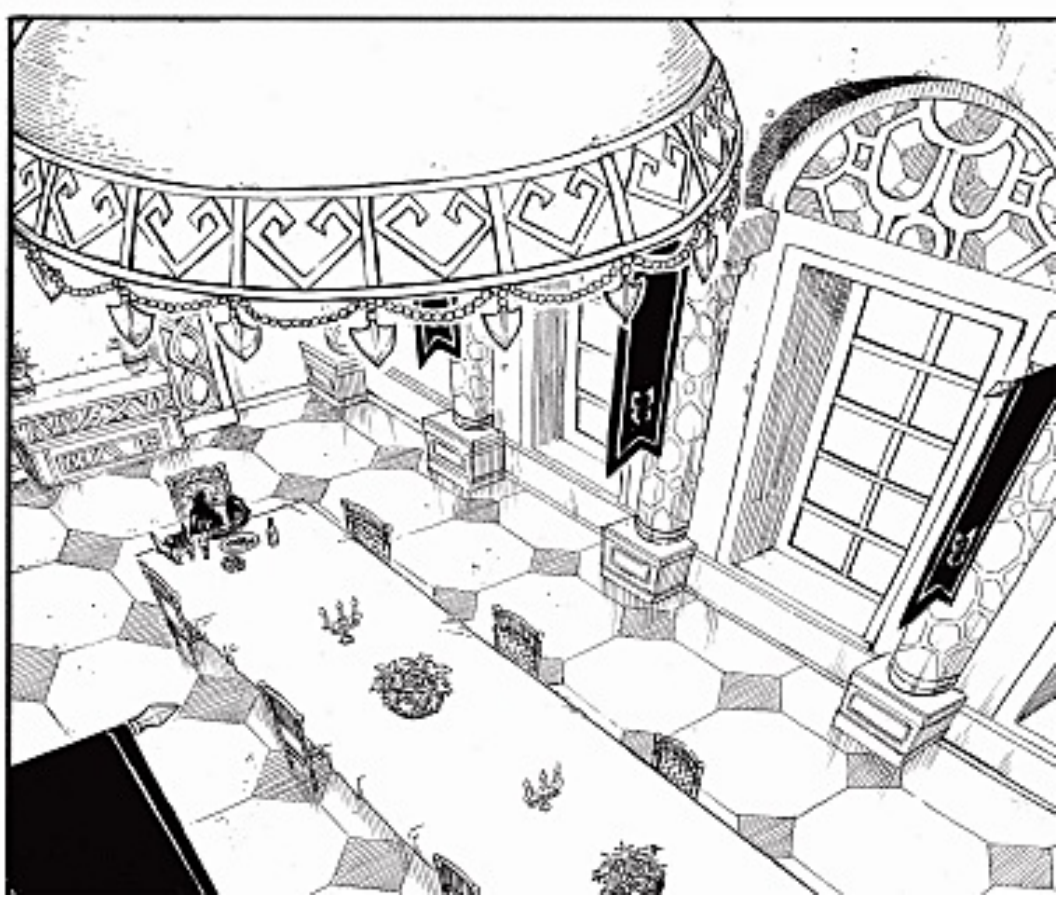
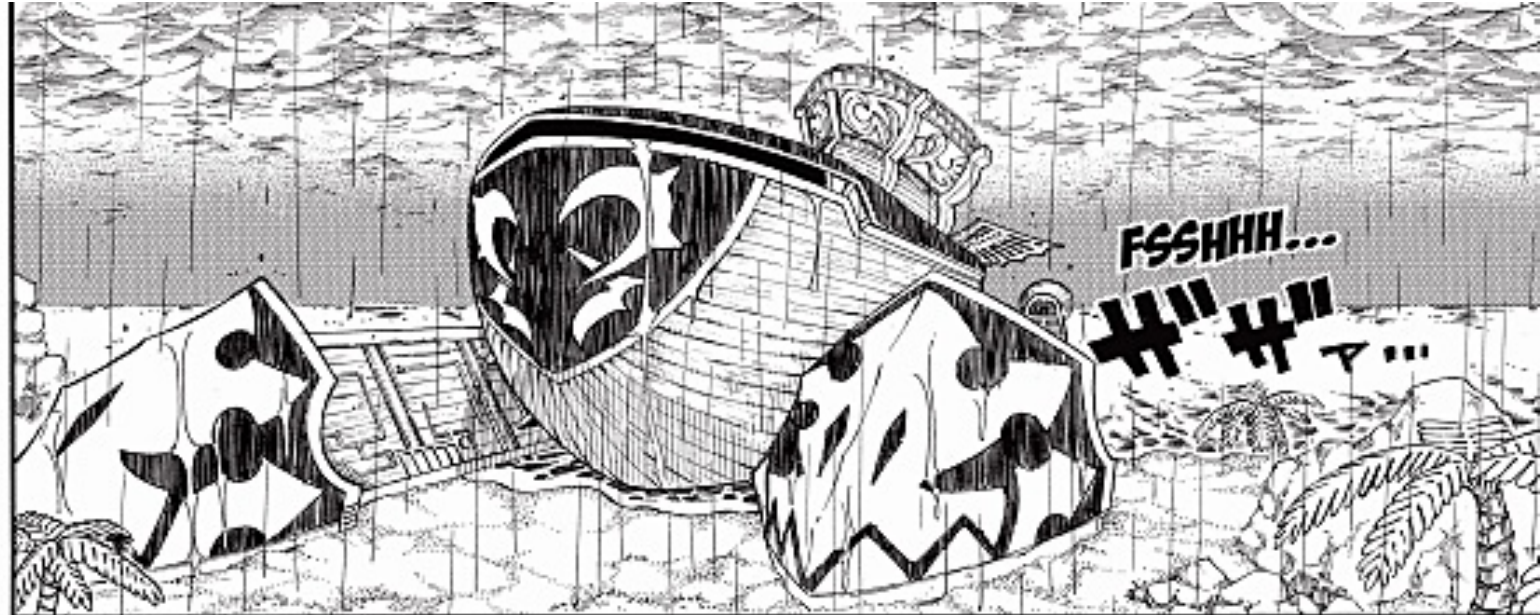


If you are
searching
for a little
girl...

I
finished
her off.



What was
that?





But now
it's all
over.

Sorry
about that,
Makarov.

I never
thought
I'd use
him on this
operation.



Yes.

Assuming
nothing
happens,
Carla should
guide them
here.



Lu-chan and
Wendy will
both be with
him, right?!

Natsu's
coming
here?!



Still, they should be bringing the Master here with them, and he's wounded as well.

That'd really help! We've got a lot of wounded here, so if we're attacked, we'll be in trouble!



If we all combine our strength, I'm sure...

Yeah, I know. We'll never give up!!



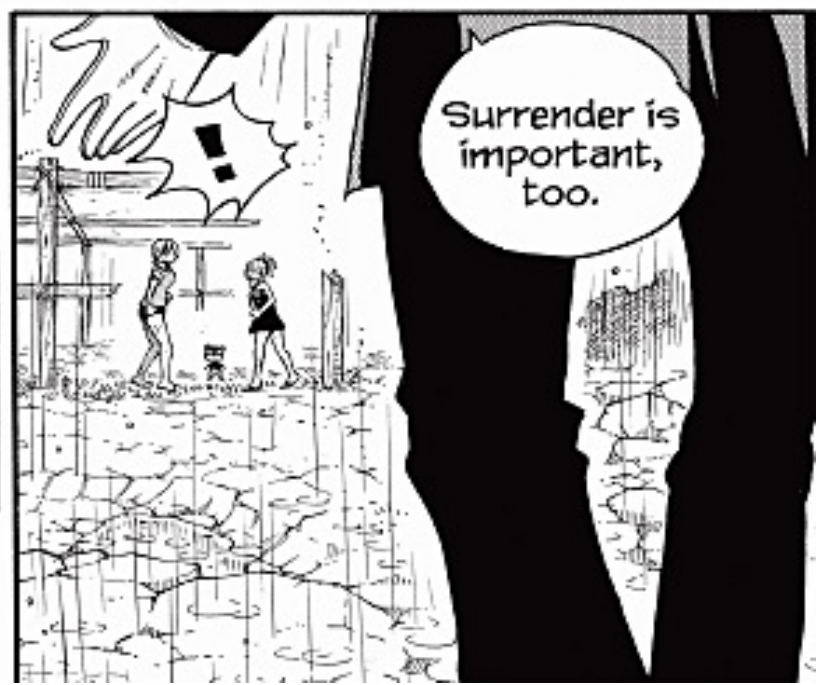
Levy!

You mean even the Master was taken out...?



And our superiority makes my heart tremble.

There are levels of superiority in this world that can never be overcome.



Surrender is important, too.









Fall.

GRIMOIRE HEART
SUBCOMMANDER
BLUE NOTE STINGER



You mean
there's
another
monster
on this
island?!

It's
incredible
magic
power...!!

What's
that?!

...intent on
interfering
with my
meal.

A
troublesome
one has
arrived...

Blue
Note.

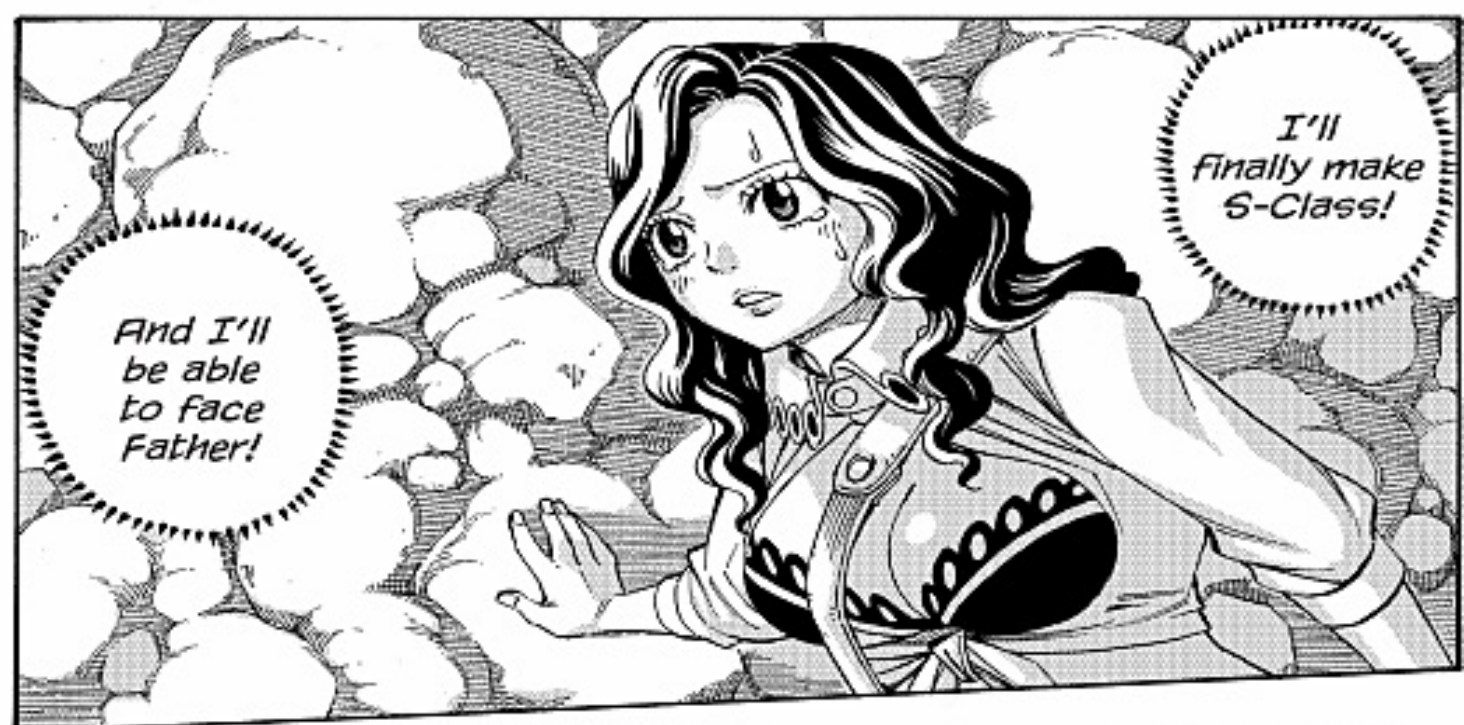
He is
here.

Who
is this
...?!!

No life will
remain on
this island.

The war
is over.







The
grave...

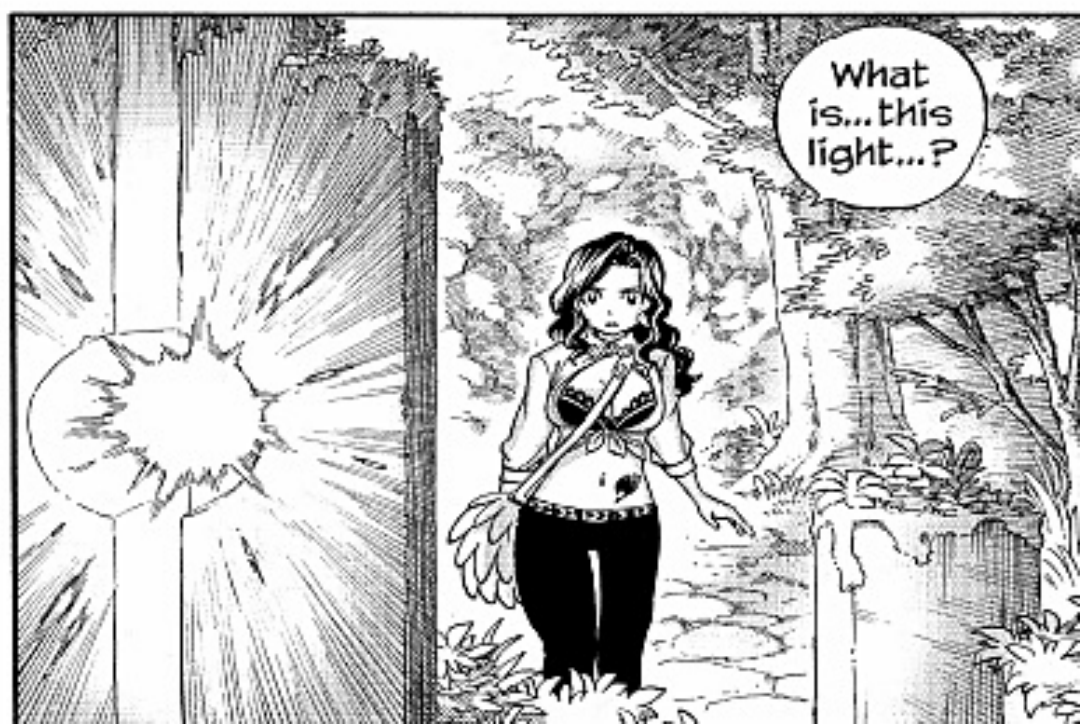
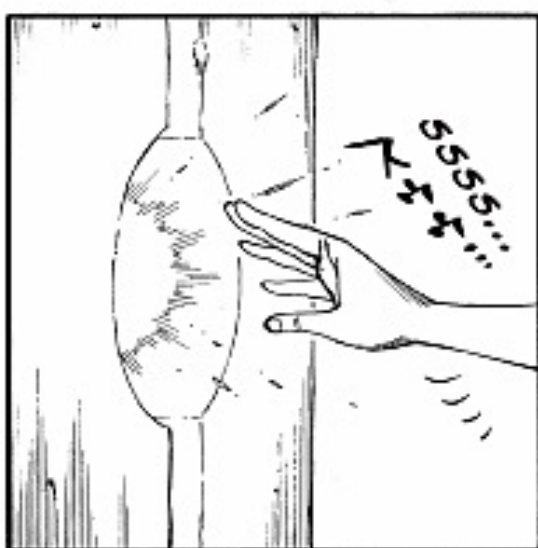
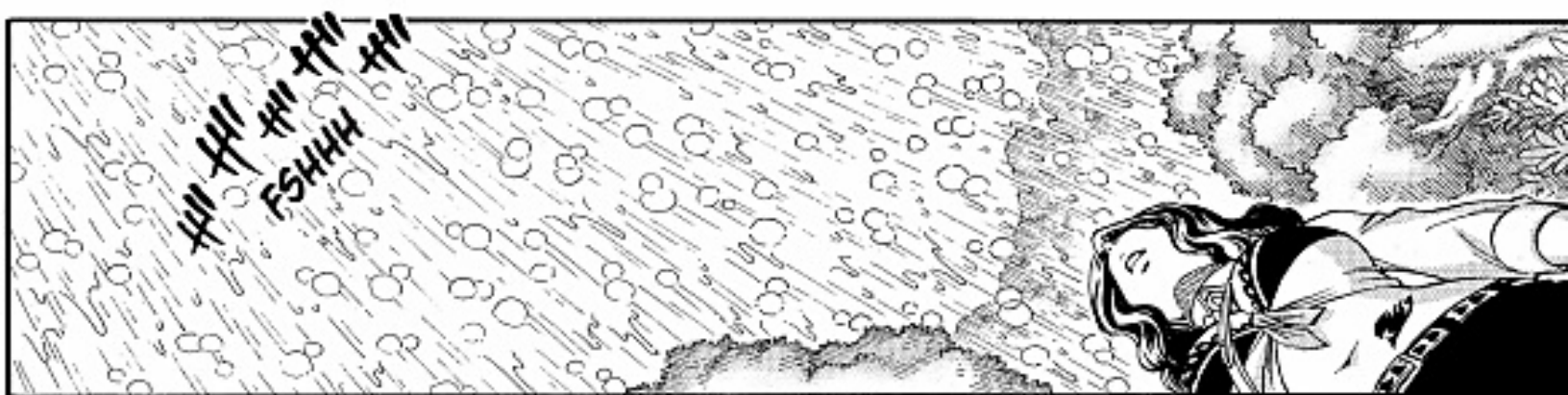
...is
glowing
...

SHEEN

FAIRY TAIL



Chapter 232: The Word I Couldn't Say







GWAHAH!!



The "glitter" is a light that doesn't suffer the presence of any enemy.



I want that magic.



So
you're
going to
tell me
where
that
grave is.



I hear it's
sealed in
the grave
of Master
Mavis.



Who
is this
guy...?



No...



Natsu!!



Ra...

Ra...
ahh!!



Did you
hear what
I said?



What? So
all I have to
do is ask
him?



Huh?

Is that guy
collapsed
there
Makarov?

...and
you're
gonna
regret
it!!!!



You lay a
finger on
the old
man...



Some-
body,
help...



What'll I
do? What
can I
do?!



He's...

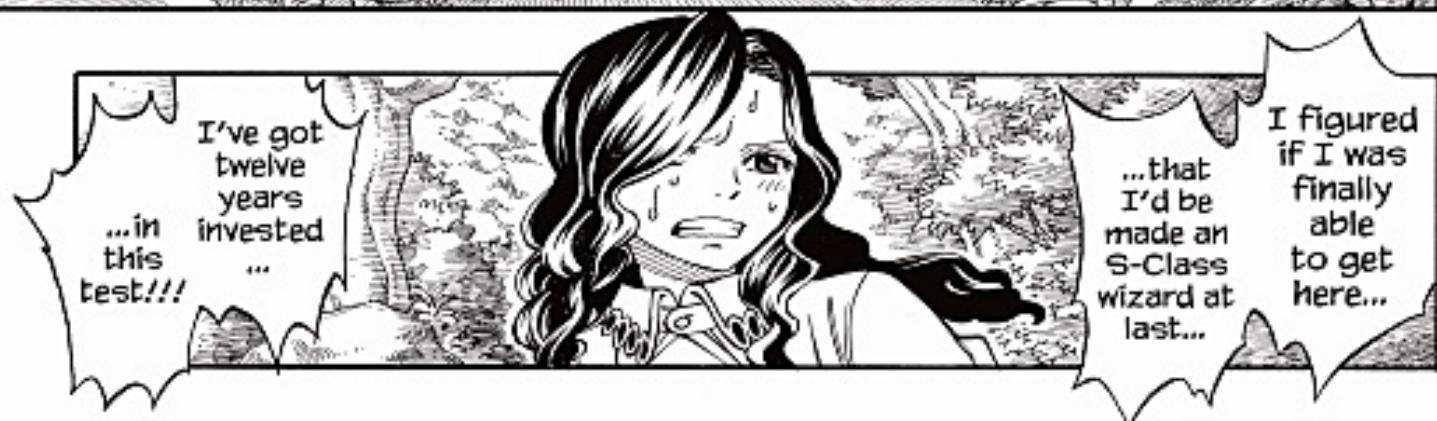
...too
strong
...



Master!!!
Where are
you?!!

What
happened
to the
test?!!

What
I want
isn't
magic
!!!

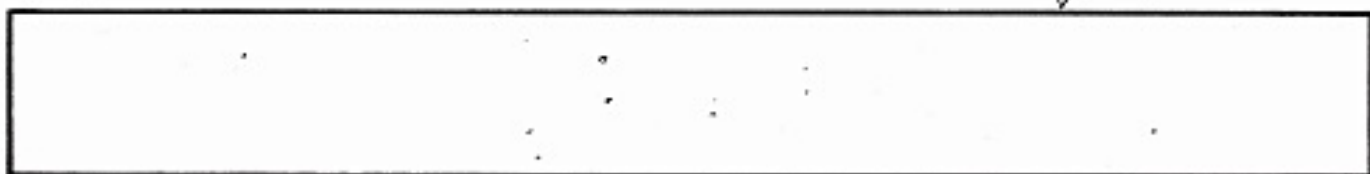


...in
this
test!!!

I've got
twelve
years
invested
...

...that
I'd be
made an
S-Class
wizard at
last...

I figured
if I was
finally
able
to get
here...



So I went
in search of
him...

...and that
led me to
Fairy Tail.



... my mother
passed away
from illness,
and when I
read her will,
I learned
about my
father.



Twelve
years
ago...



*My
father's
name is
Gildarts.*



What's a
little girl like
you doing in
a place like
this?



Hm?



...
You stay here,
the smell of
liquor'll end
up on your
clothes!

You'd
better
get on
home.



Father
...



Why
didn't he
recognize
me?

Why?

Huh?

I
missed my
chance
...



Day after day, I
waited at the guild
for Father to return,
and eventually...

...I actually
joined up.

And even
when he did,
he'd be right
out the door
again.

But Father
only returned
on rare
occasions.

The word I
couldn't say
to him...



grew-bigger-
and-bigger
inside me.

Yeah,
right!

Gildarts,
you're late
for your
train!!



You've
grown,
Cana.

Yeah...



And he
was the
strongest
wizard in
the guild.



Everybody
seemed
to like my
father.

...I
started
getting
scared
of letting
him know.



And as time
slipped away
without me
ever telling
him the
truth...



There
was no
comparison
between him
and me.

He was
always
shining...



I decided it then!! When I passed the test, I'd tell my father the truth!



You bet!



Give it your best shot!

Then, before the S-Class wizard test...



Me?

I'm not on the same level as Father...



I fell into depression...

While Erza and Mira, who entered after I did, passed the test ahead of me.



But I took the test four times and failed it every time.



...and leave town.



If I flunk out this time, I don't have the right to call myself Gildarts' daughter.

That's why I decided this would be my last time.

I'm thinking about maybe quitting the guild.



**I'll never
let you
leave the
guild!!!!**

**Then I'll
be your
partner,
Cana!!!!**



...I'll be
there to
help you
out!

It's a special
card. If you
get in trouble,
Lucy, it'll let
me know.

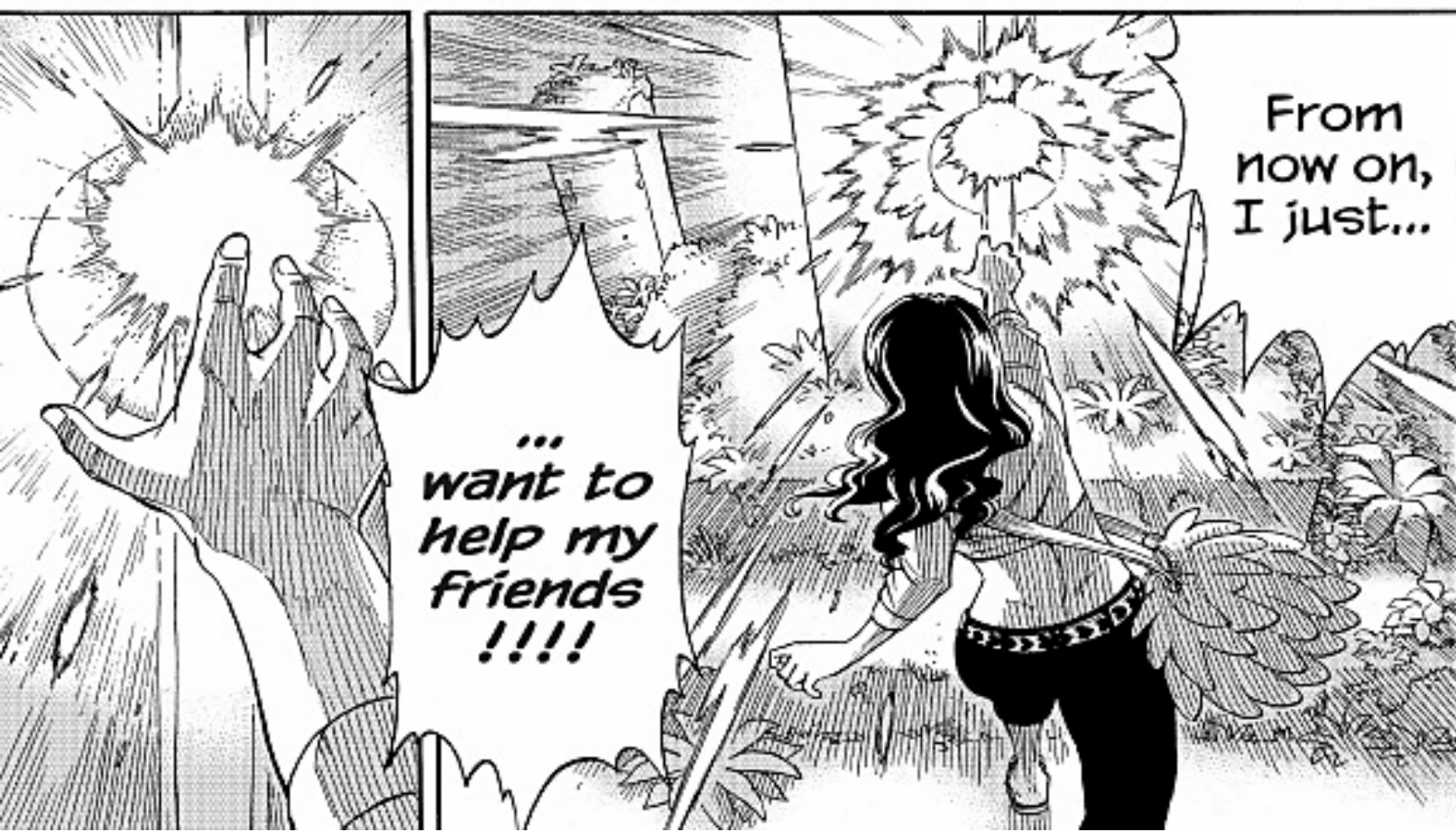
What? A
card?

If mine starts
to flash, I
don't care how
far away I
might be...









I just
want my
friends
to be
okay!!!!

CRACKLE

I don't
need
anything
!!!!

I don't
even need
to be *in* the
guild!!!!

...my heart
will always
stay in one
place!!!!

Wherever I
am...

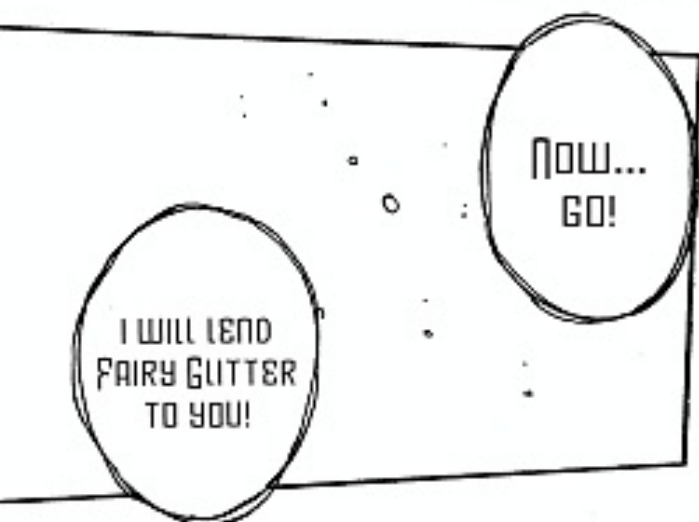
Give me the
strength to
protect my
guild!!!!

So
please
!!!!





*That
voice...*



NOW...
GO!

I WILL LEND
FAIRY GUTTER
TO YOU!



...Master
Mavis!

Yes!



*I am
fighting
for what
is most
important
to me!!!*

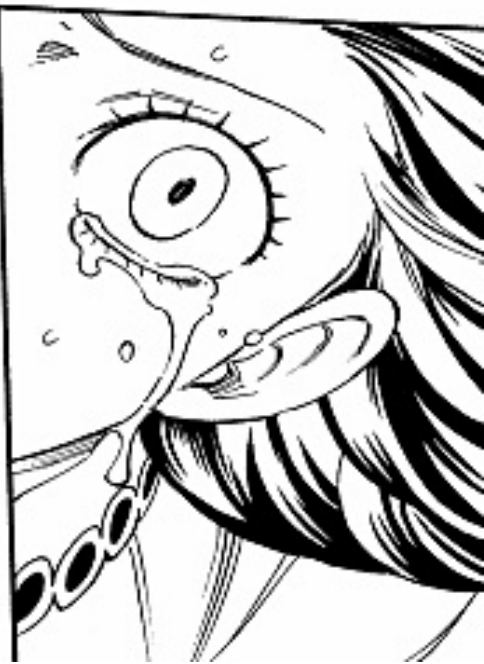
...BUT
SUSTENANCE
TO NURTURE
THE HEART!





MISTAKES ARE
NOT SHACKLES
TO HOLD YOU
BACK...

THEN YOU
DON'T HAVE
ANYTHING TO
FEAR.





*This may
be my
last fight
ever!!!!*

*I have to
repay you for
twelve years
of looking
after me...
my Fairy Tail
guildmates
!!!!*



FAIRYTAIL

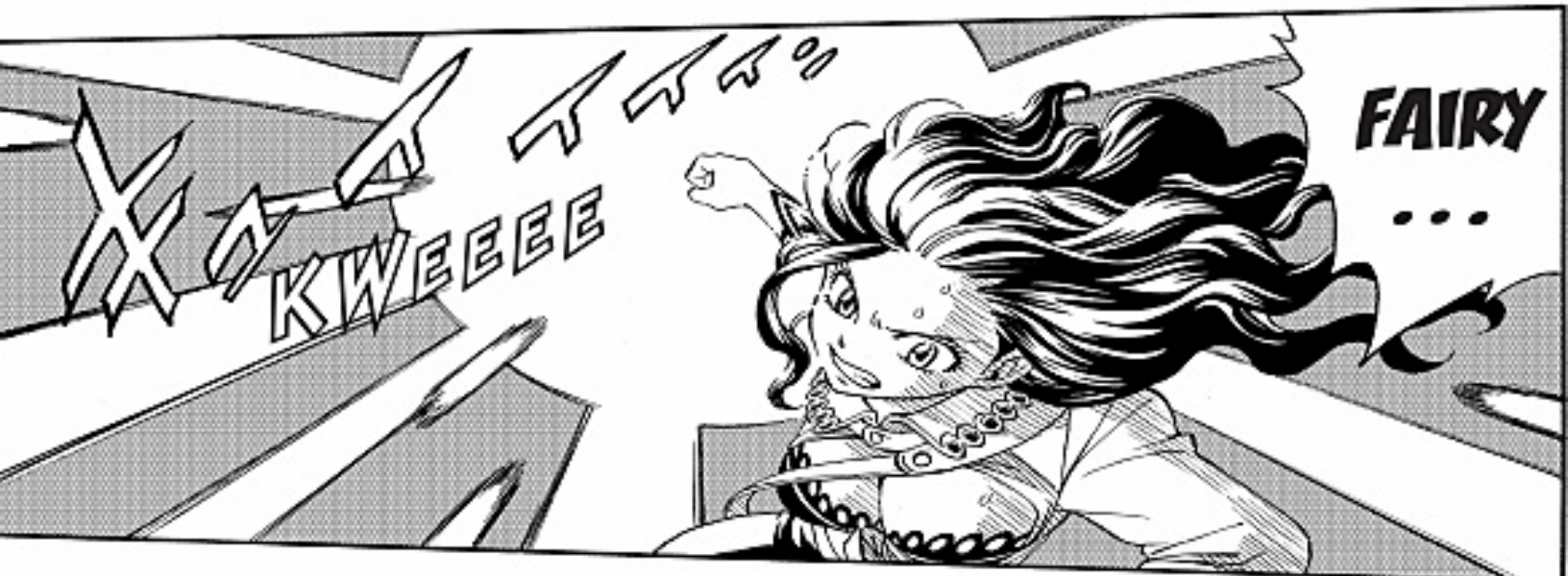
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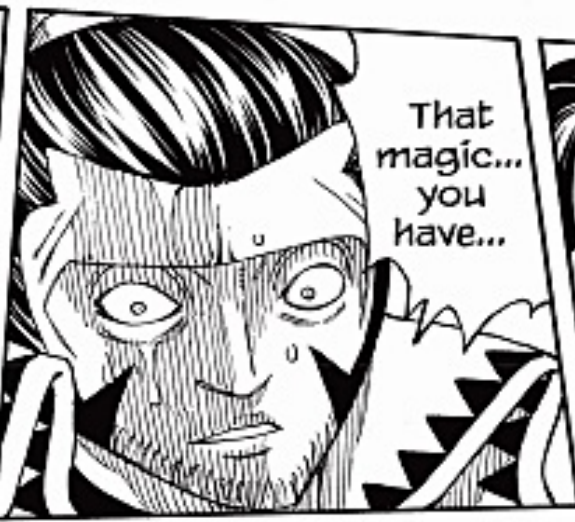


You're not
going to hurt
my friends
anymore!!!



Light?









I never expected the magic I was looking for to come running up to me!

There isn't anybody who can move under the pressure of my Gravity.



You couldn't use it if you tried!!

Nobody but guild members can use this magic...

Khh ...

I'll take it now!

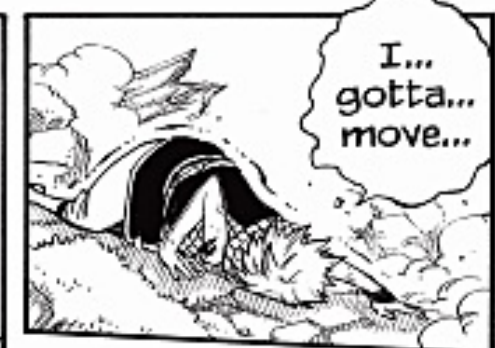


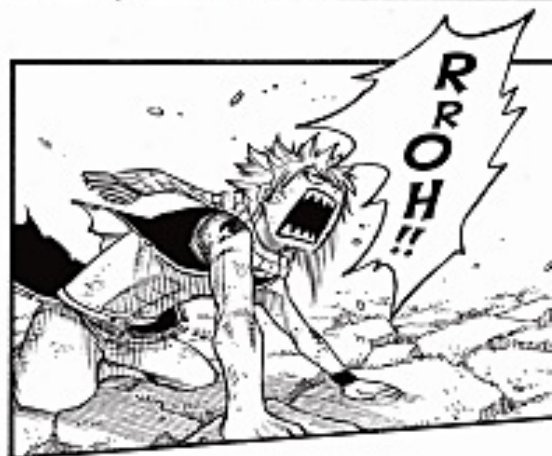
One magic...?

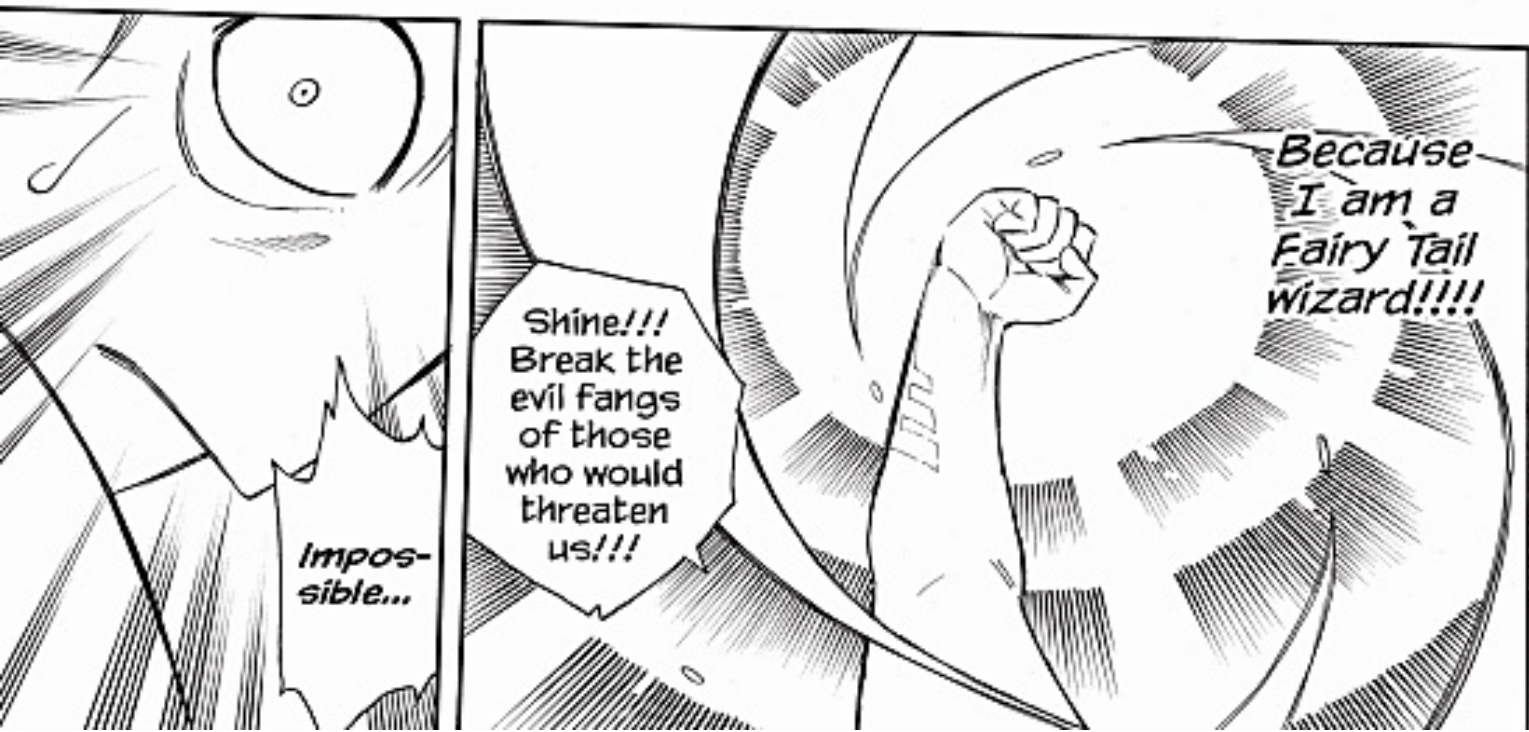


All varieties of magic were originally one magic.

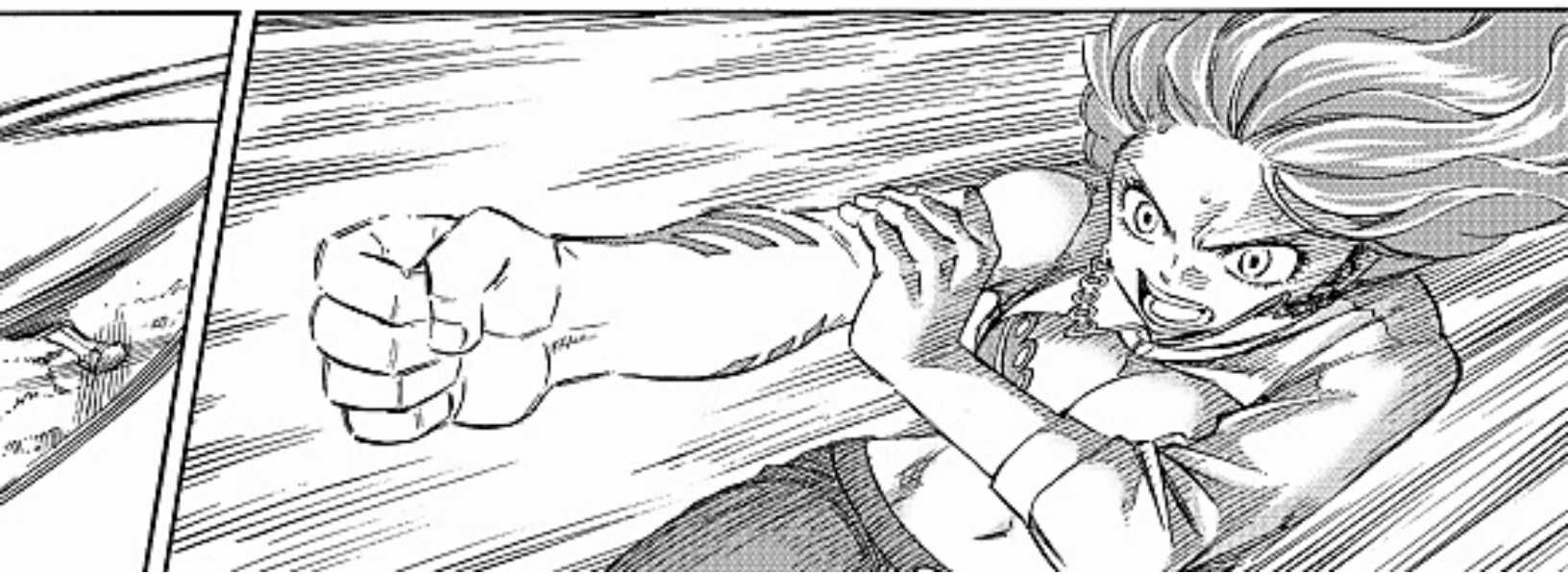
When you trace it back to its source, all magic starts as one and the same.

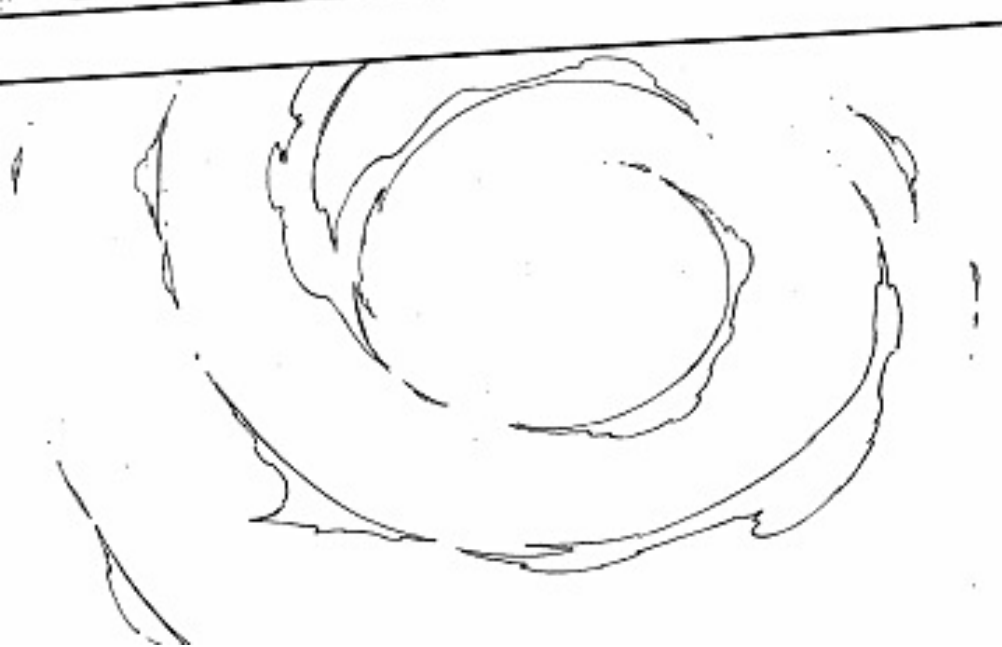
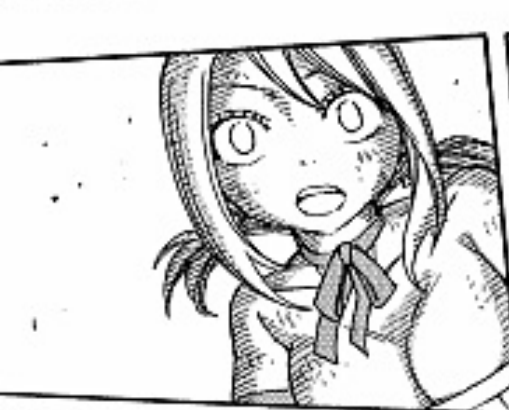
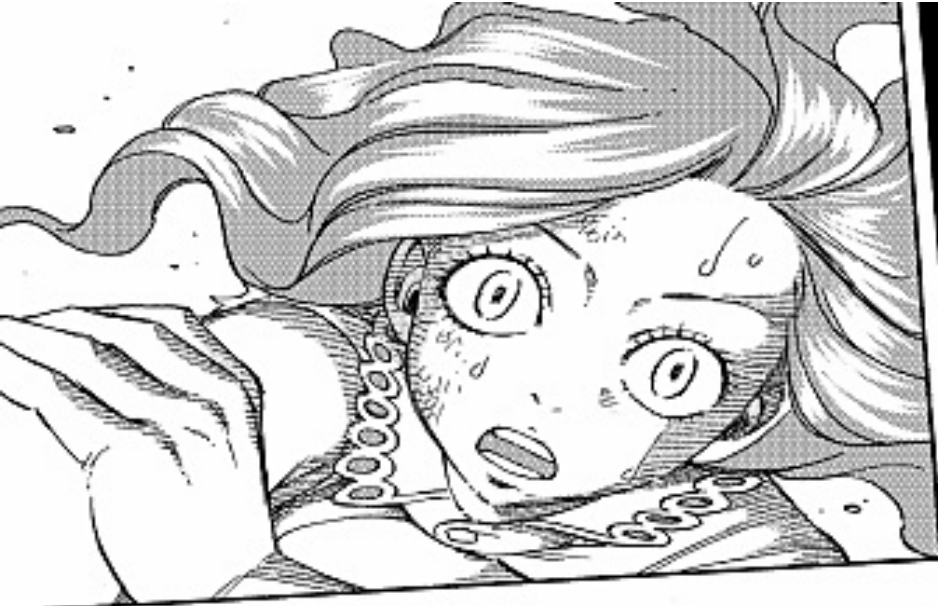


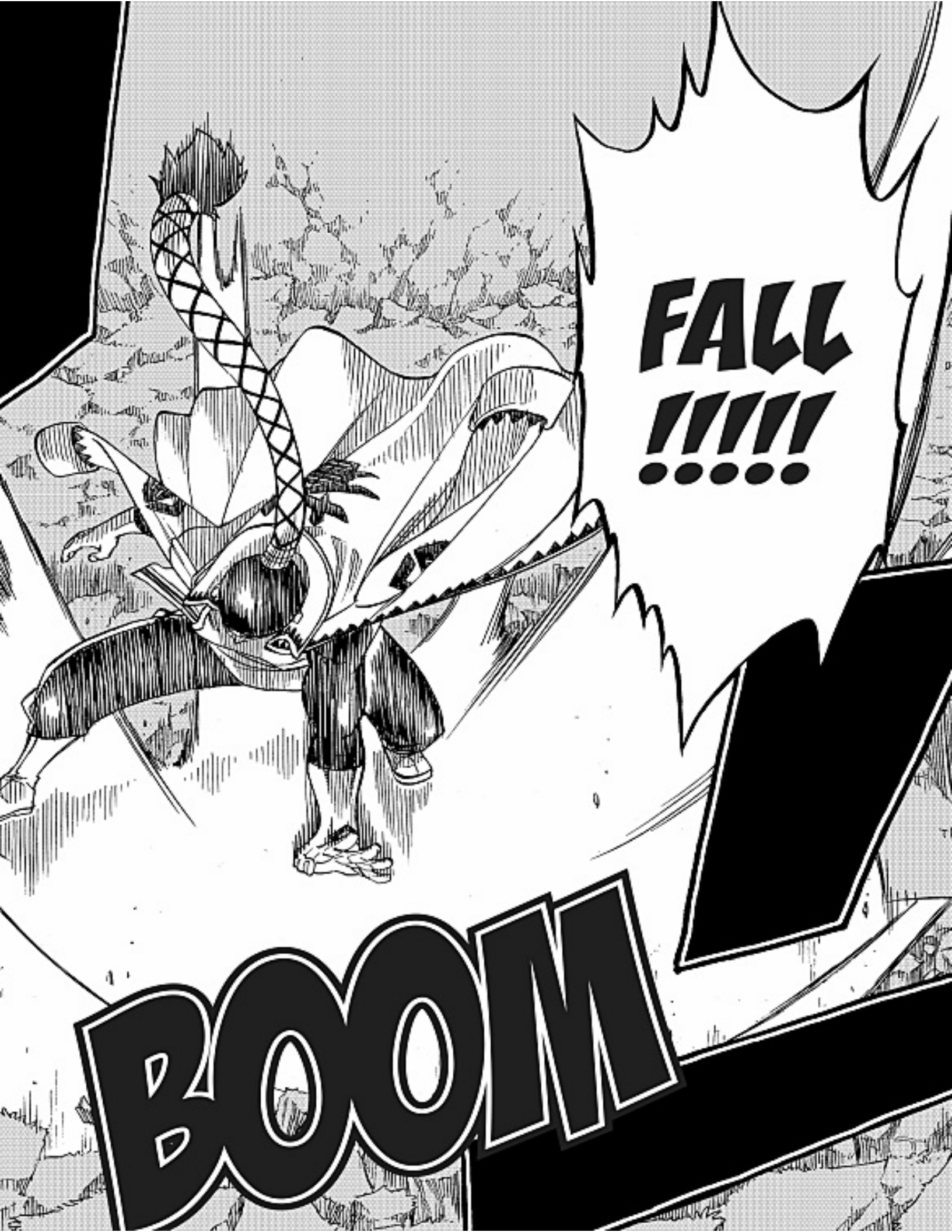












**FALL
!!!!**

BOOM

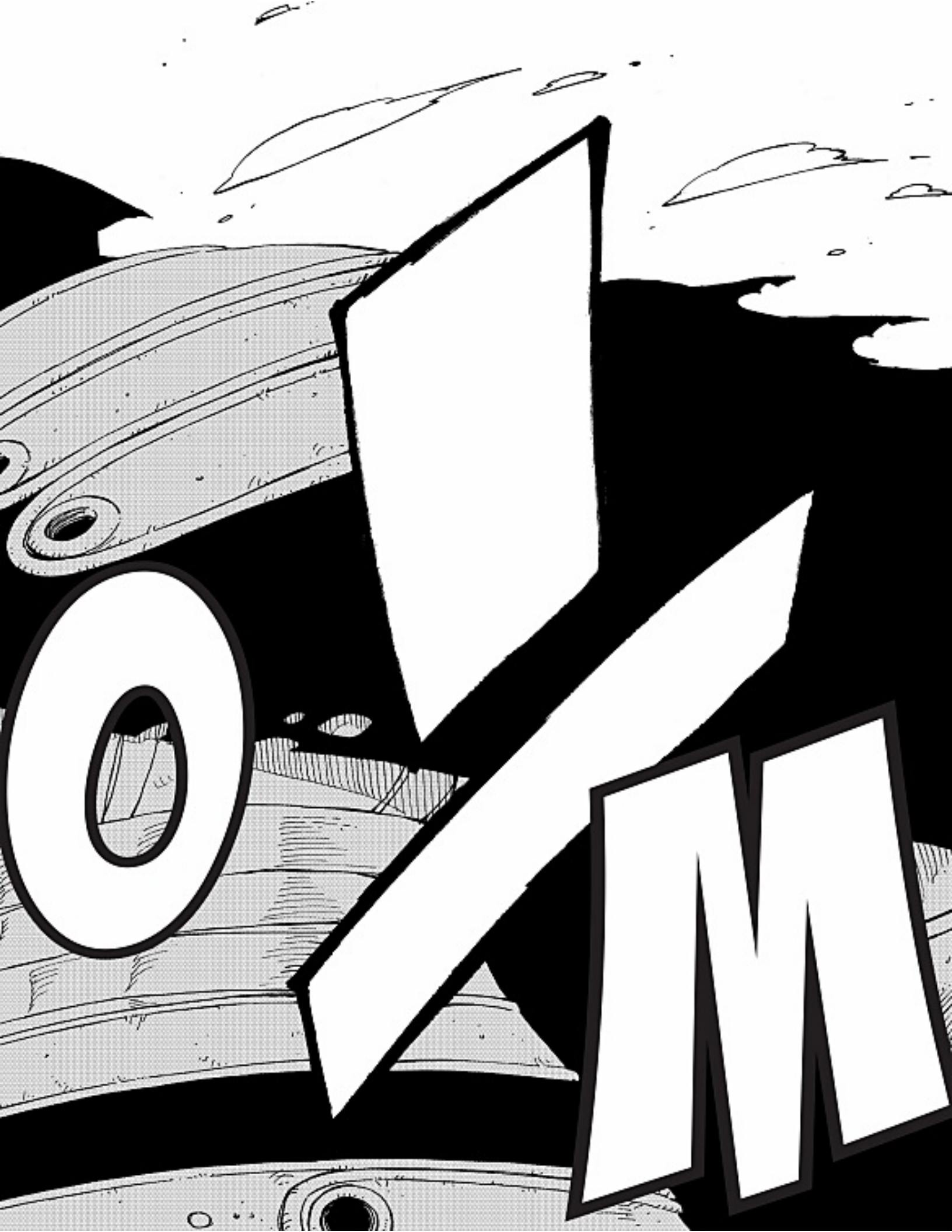














It's
Gildarts
!!!!



Gildarts
!!!!



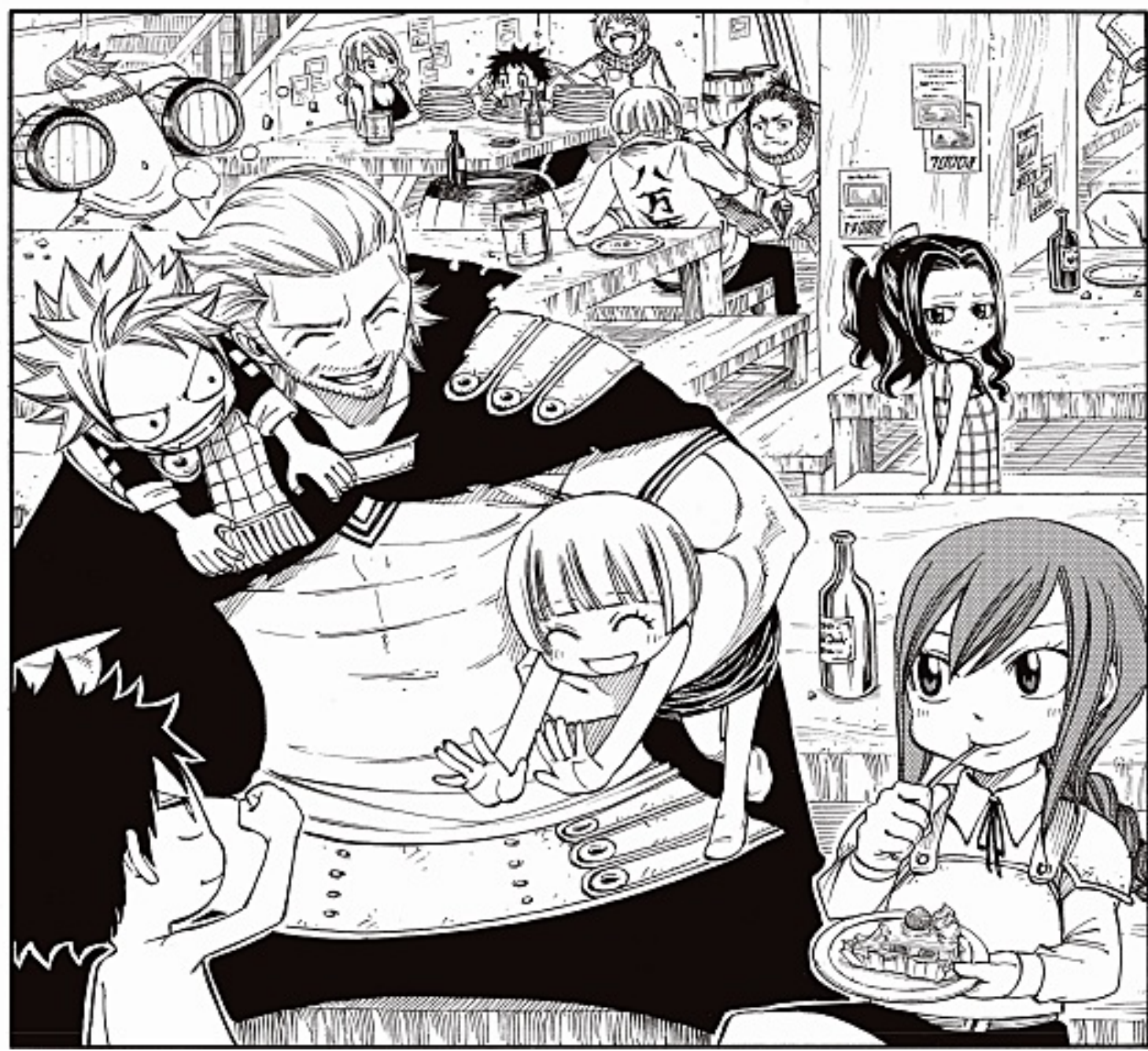
Fa...
ther...

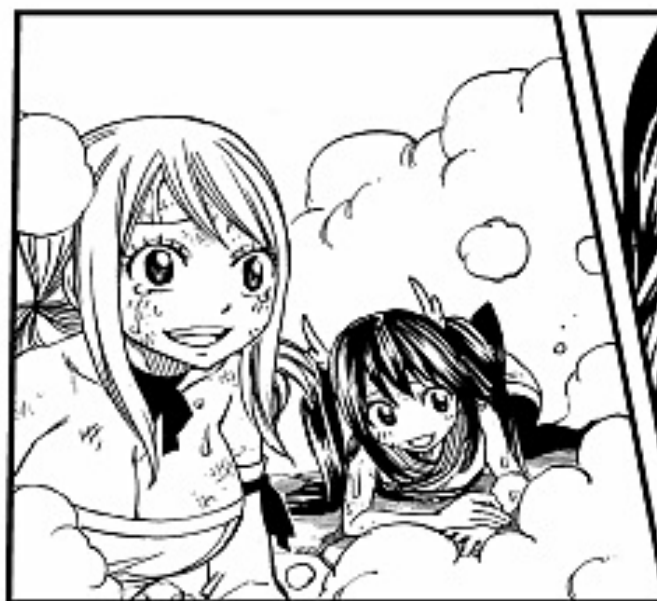
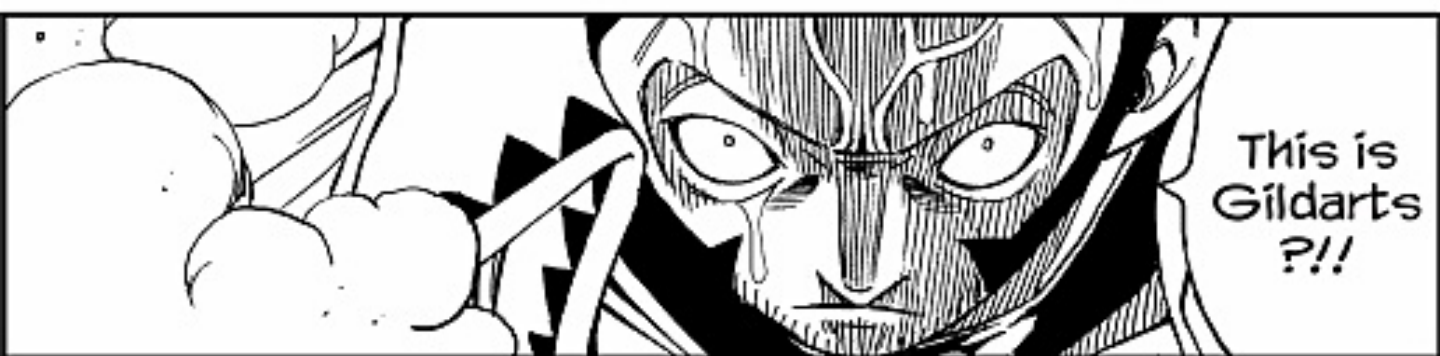


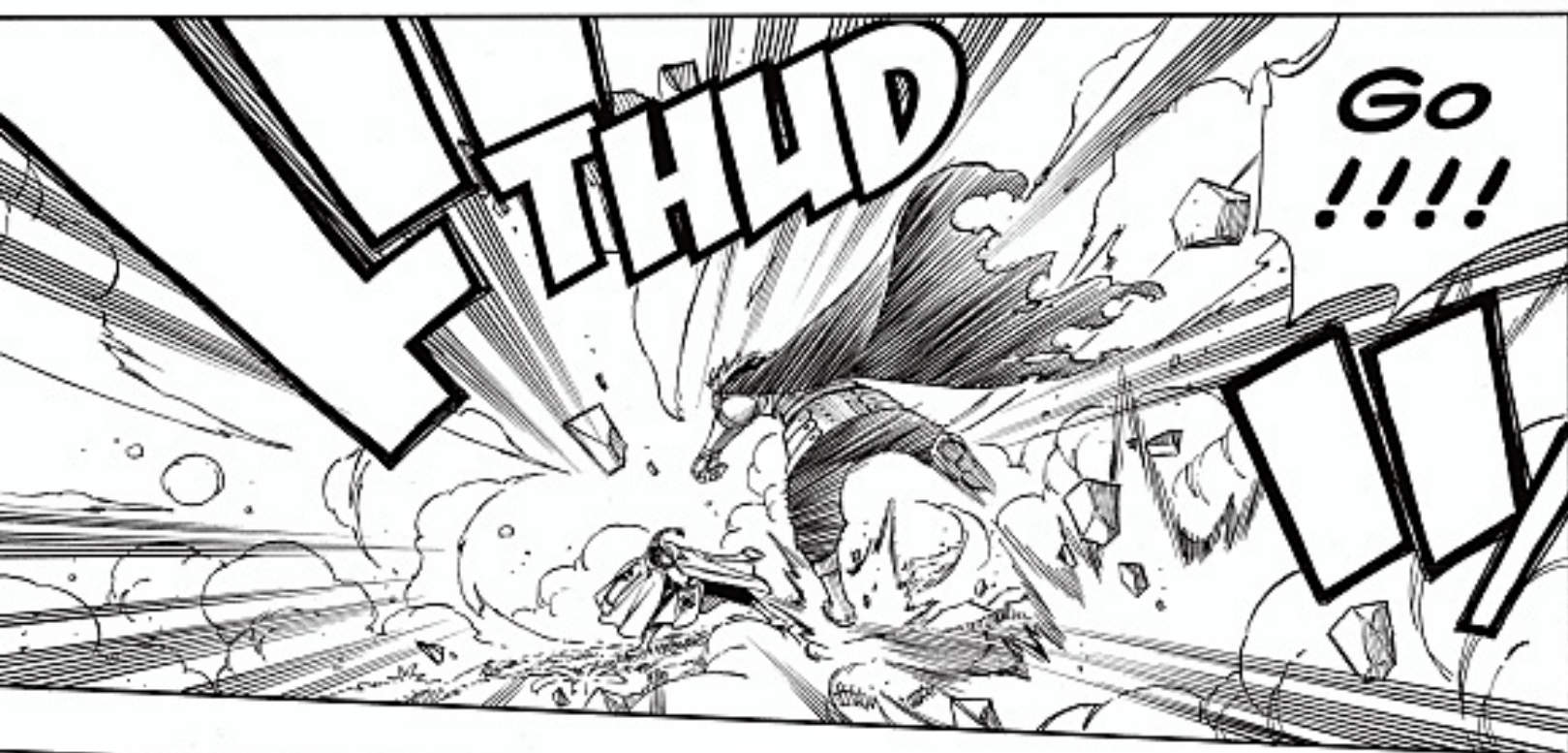
FAIRY TAIL

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Chapter 234: The Boy Who Watches the Sea





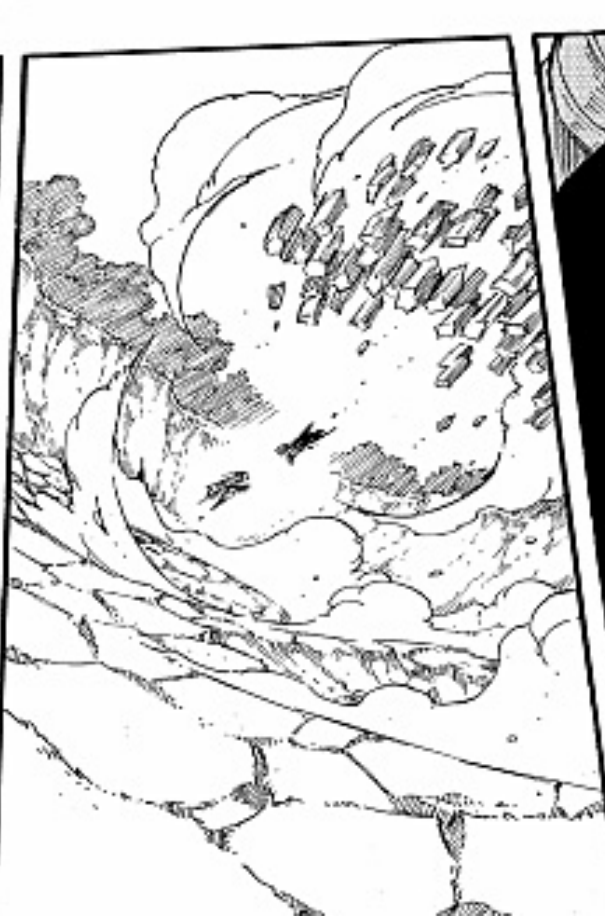
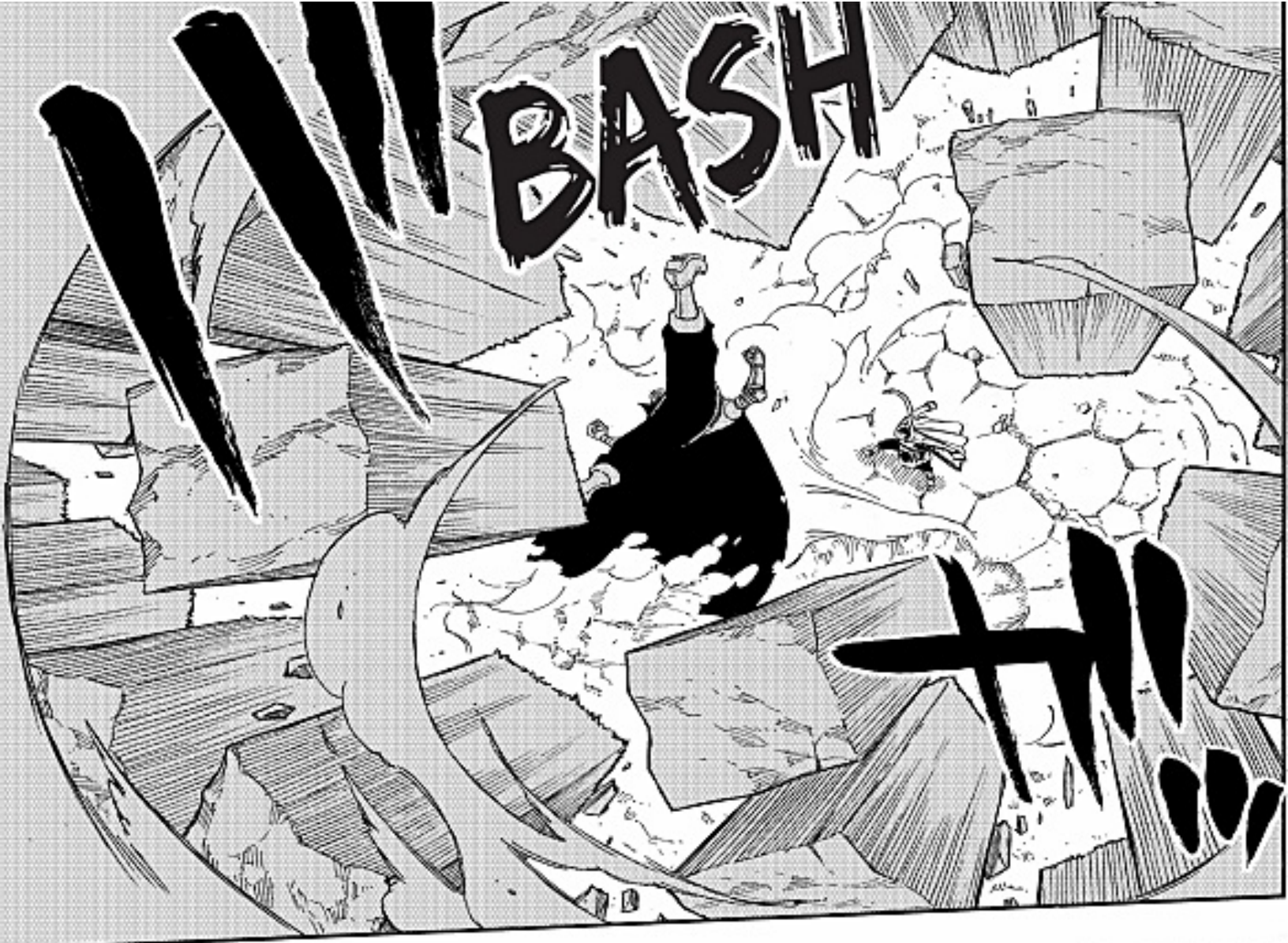




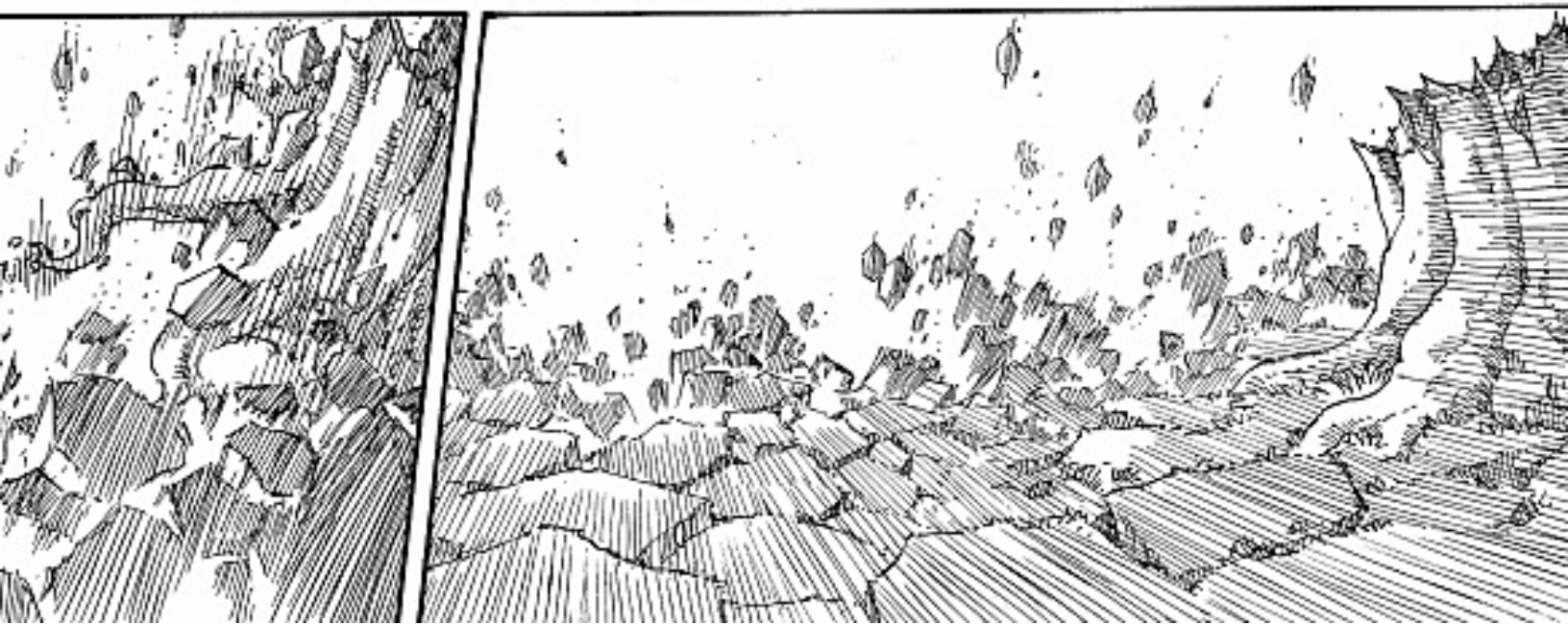
...flipped
upside
down!

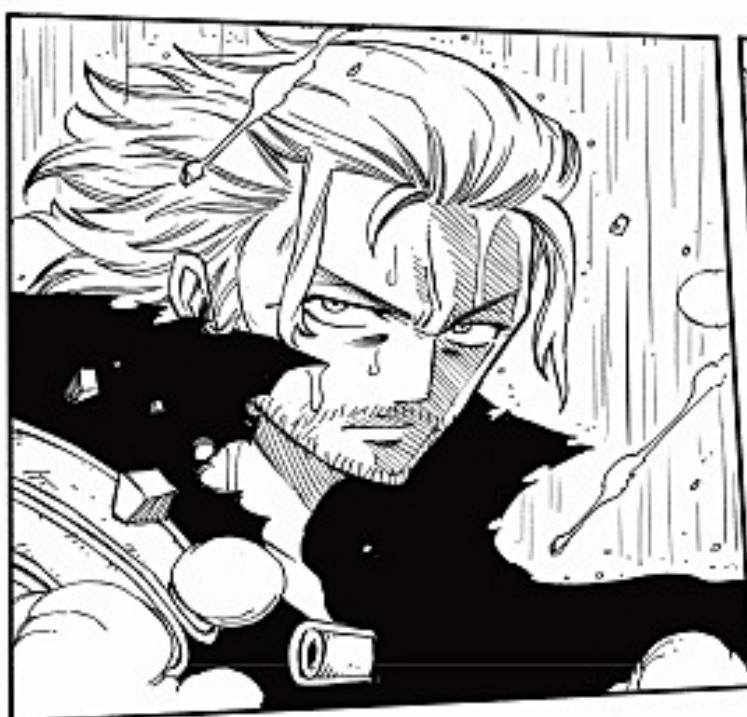
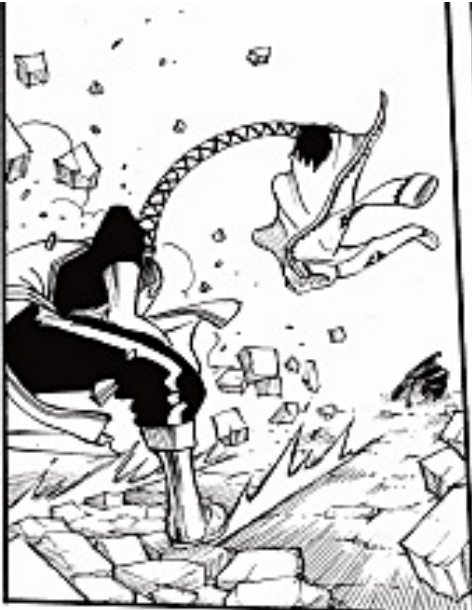


The
ground
just...











Let's
go,
Natsu!

They're
strong!!! I
wanna see
this fight
!!!



You...



They
wanted
to take
this
test.

There's a
lot more
passion in
the hearts
of kids
than adults
think.

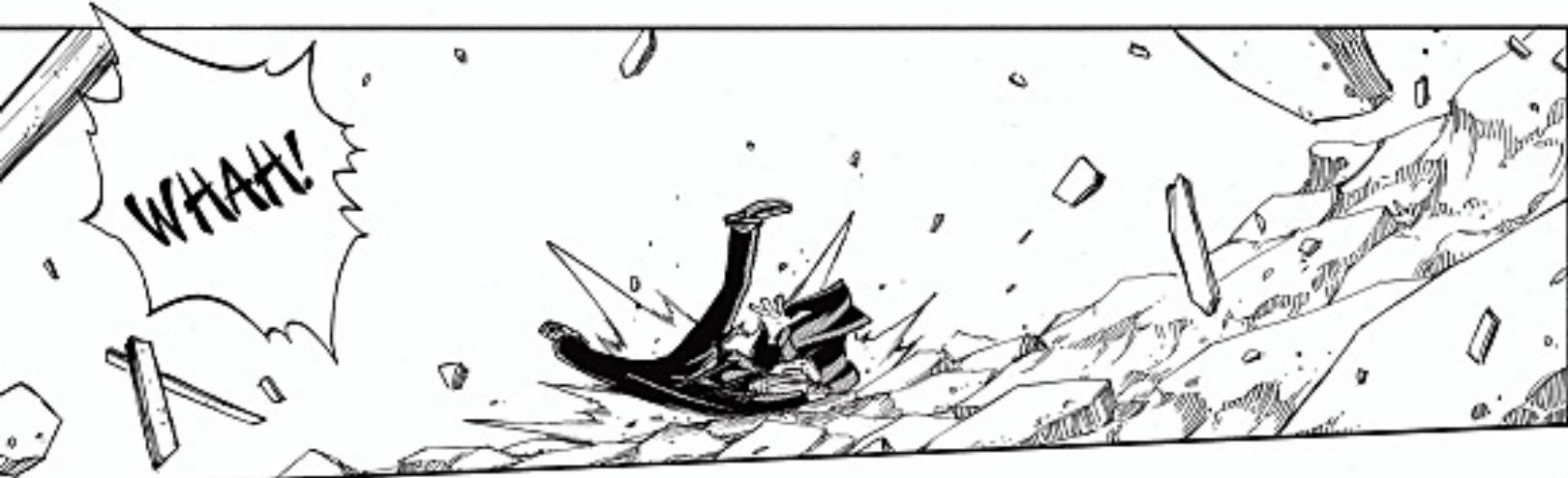




**And
you
tread
all over
that!!!**

**These
kids were
determined
to step
forward
into the
future...**









Sheeeen

While we were heading home with Gildarts.

We saw the signal flare, y'know?



What are you doing here?!



Fried!!
Bickslow!!



SHAKEEN

A couple more small fries are nothing to my Arc of Incarnation!

Humph!

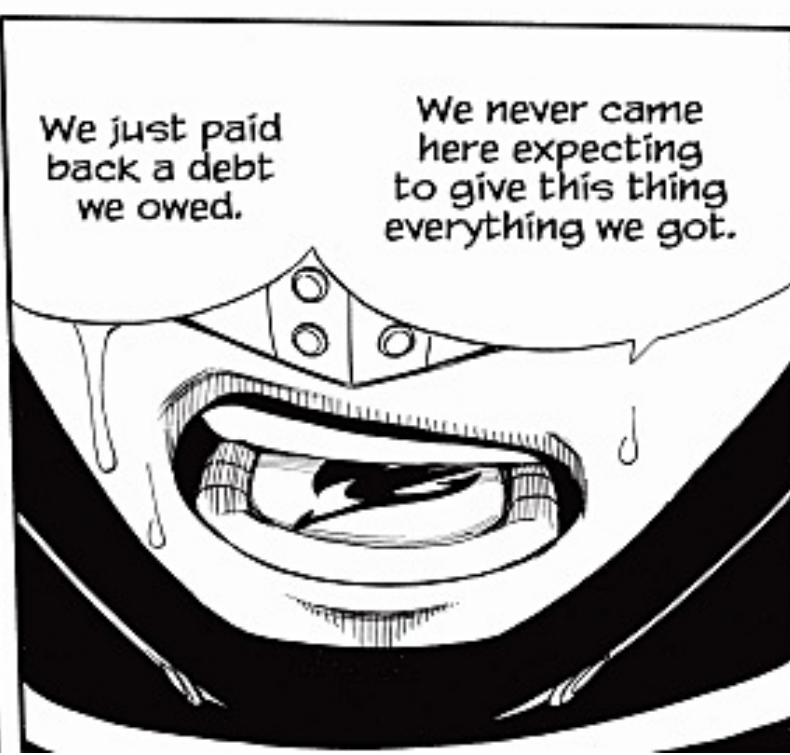


Then Gildarts came back, too?!



Against you, we observe no rules!

However, you wounded Ever and our other guildmates.



We just paid back a debt we owed.

We never came here expecting to give this thing everything we got.



GWOOOM

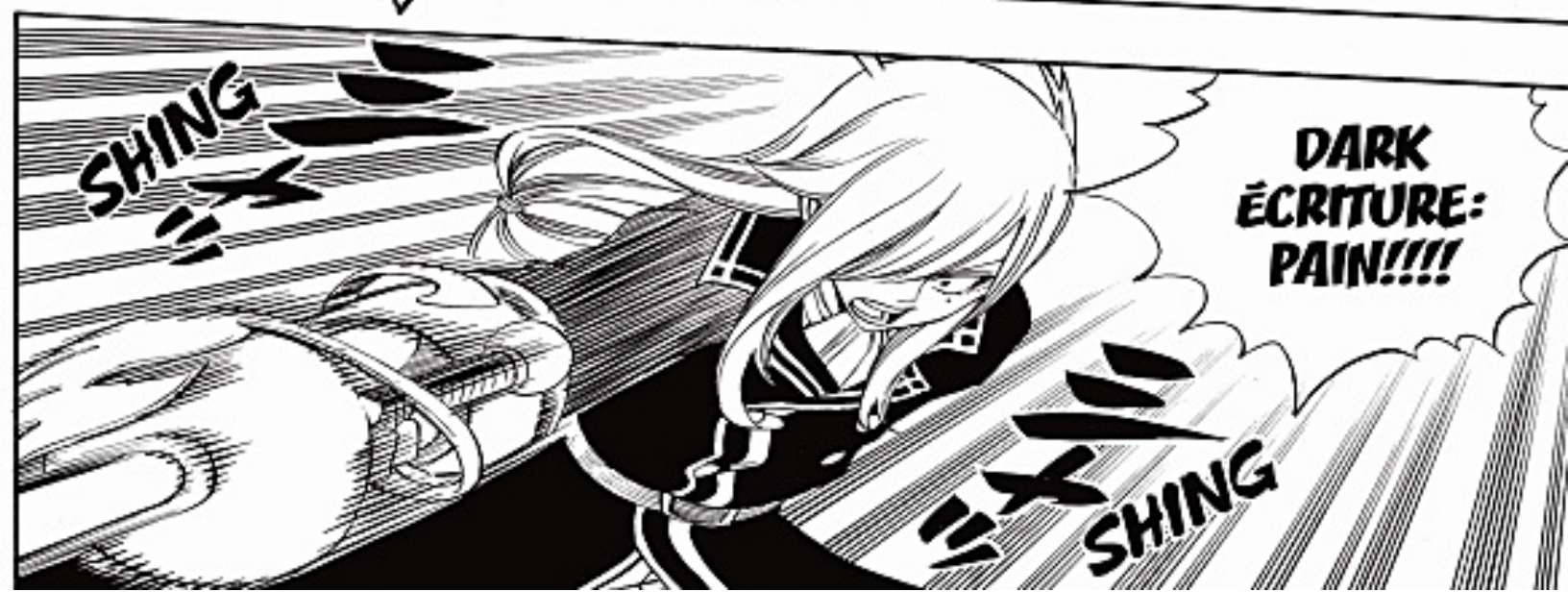
**BARYON
FORMATION
!!!!**



In my left
arm, I have the
Golden Shield
that turns
away any
attack
!!!

ZU

CHANG



SHING

**DARK
ÉCRITURE:
PAIN!!!!**

SHING



Can
you win
against
limitless
power?!!

Can you
beat pure
imagi-
nation
?!!



Wings of
the Pegasus
that rest in
my legs!!!!



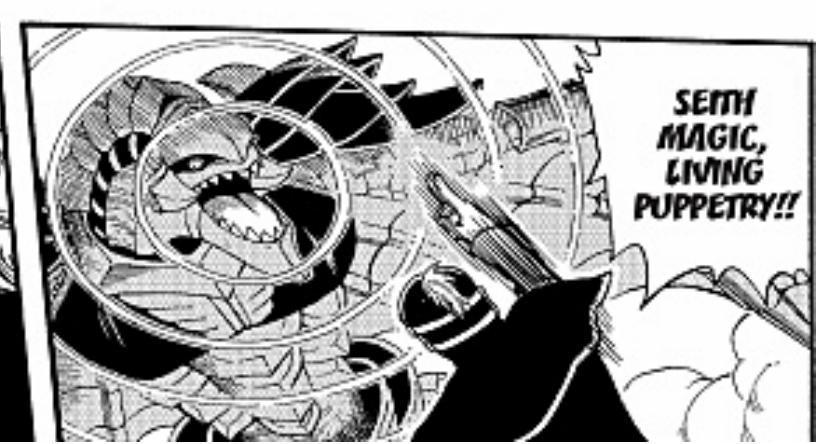
What...
is that
...?!

Mow
those
cretins
down
!!!!

SACRED
GUARDIAN
BEAST
BELFAST
THE
GALE!!!!



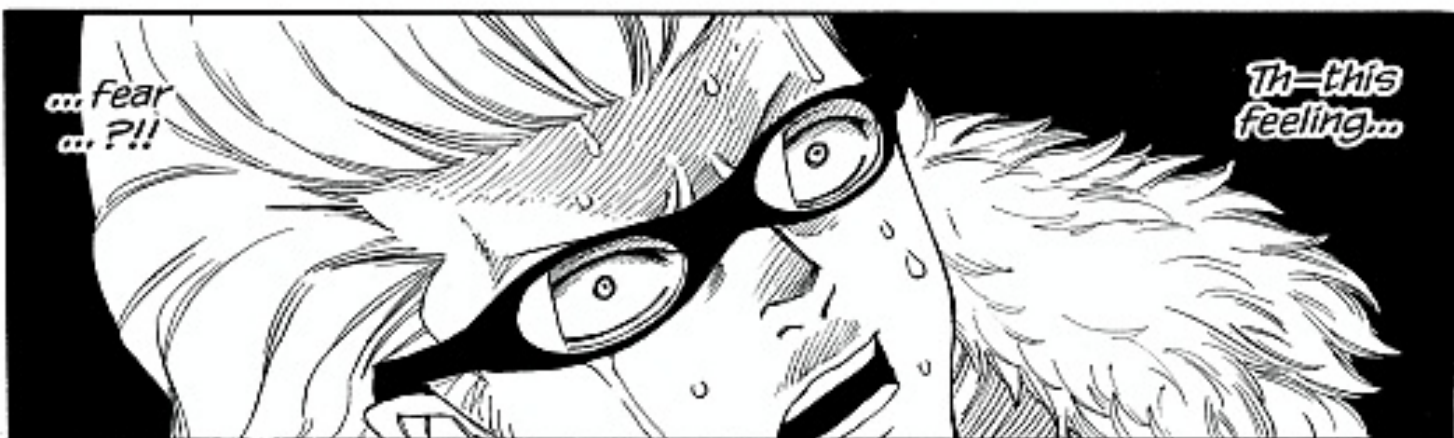
CRUMBLE
!!!!



SETH
MAGIC,
LIVING
PUPPETRY!!





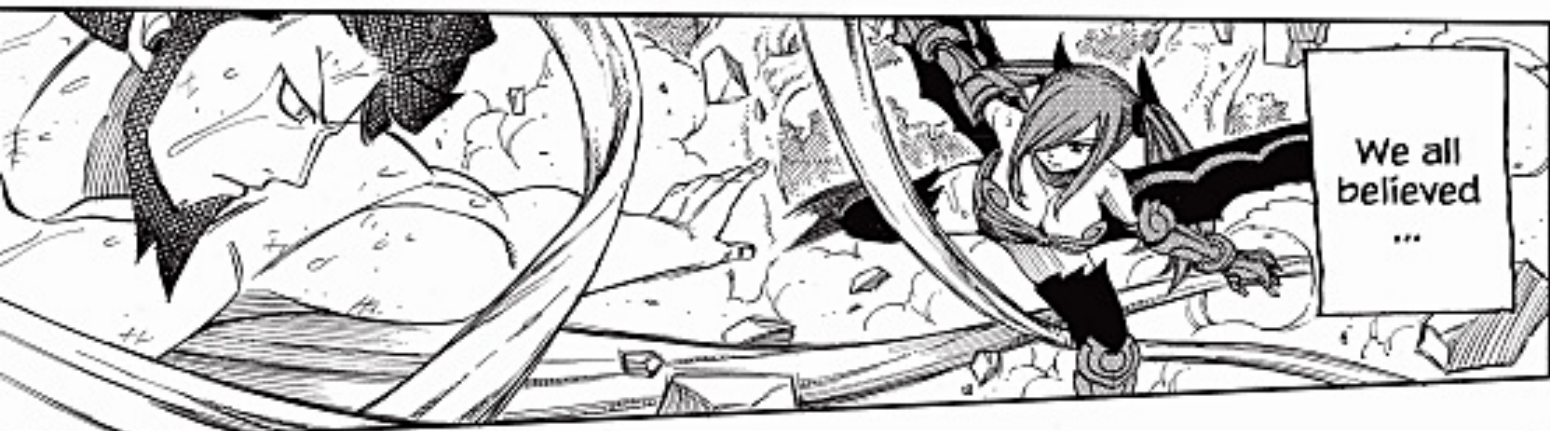




The
battle of
Sirius
Island...



...was
heading
for an
end.



We all
believed
...

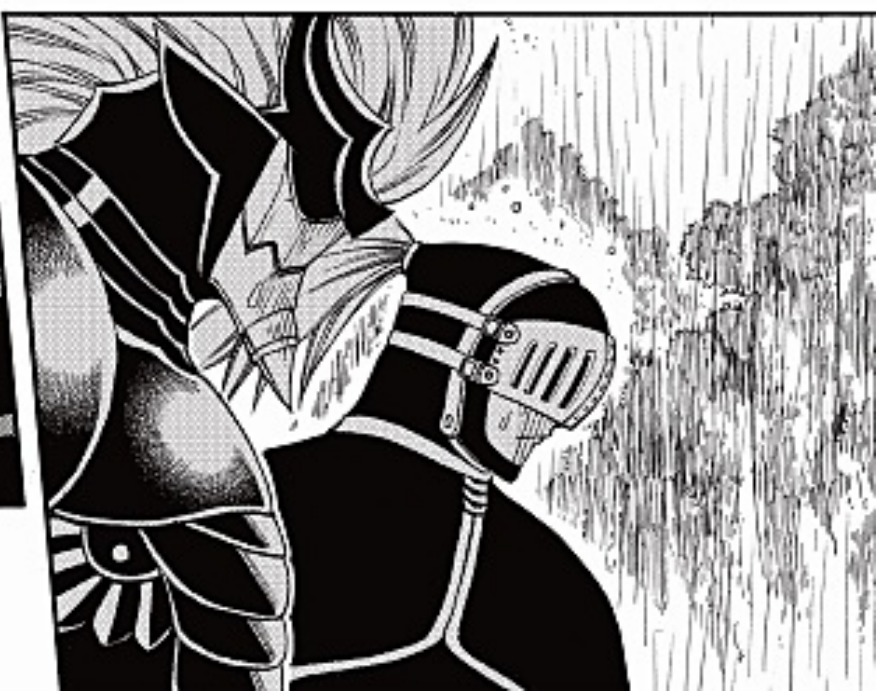
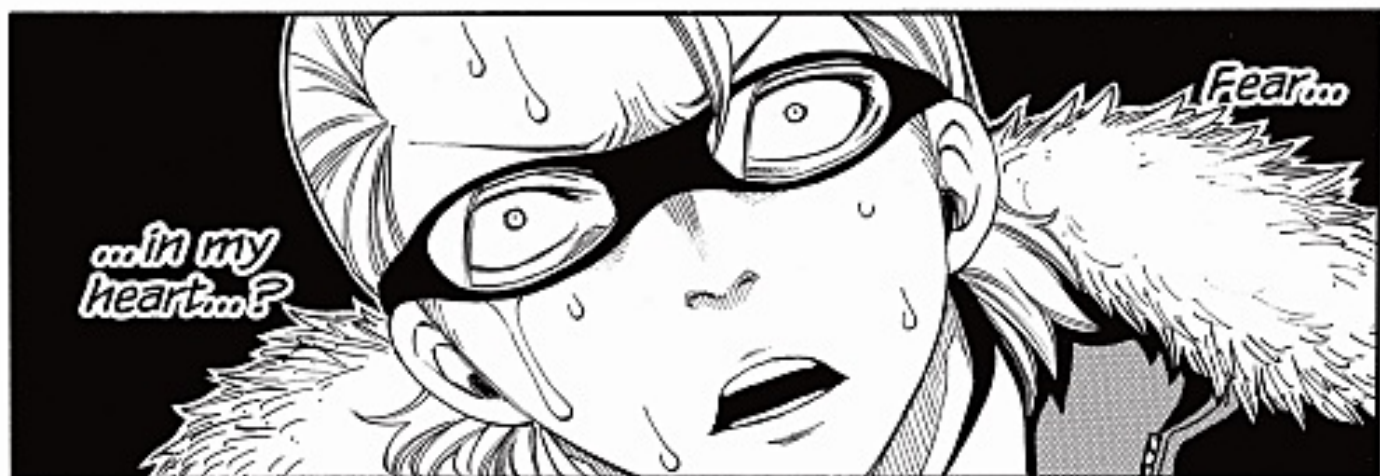


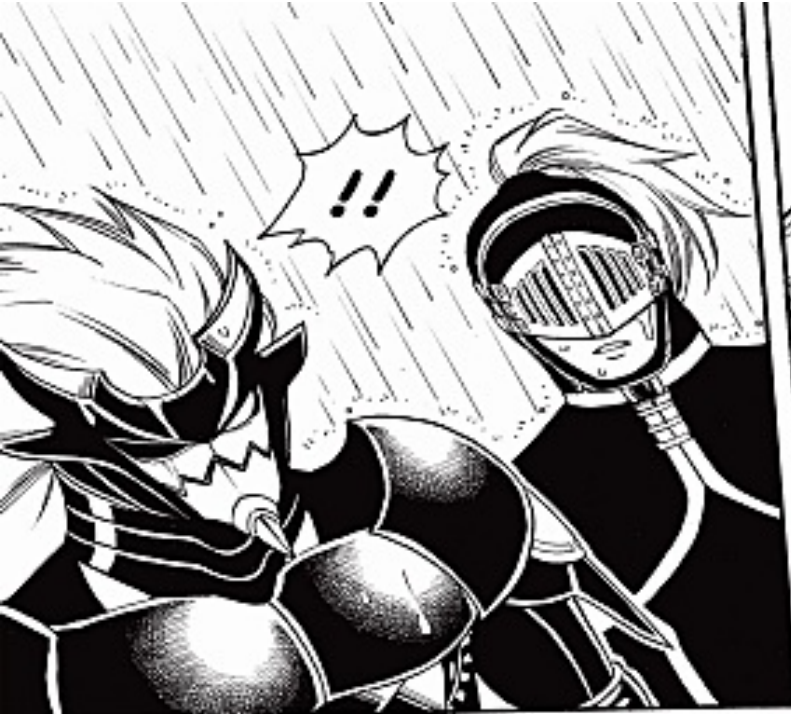
...in our
victory.





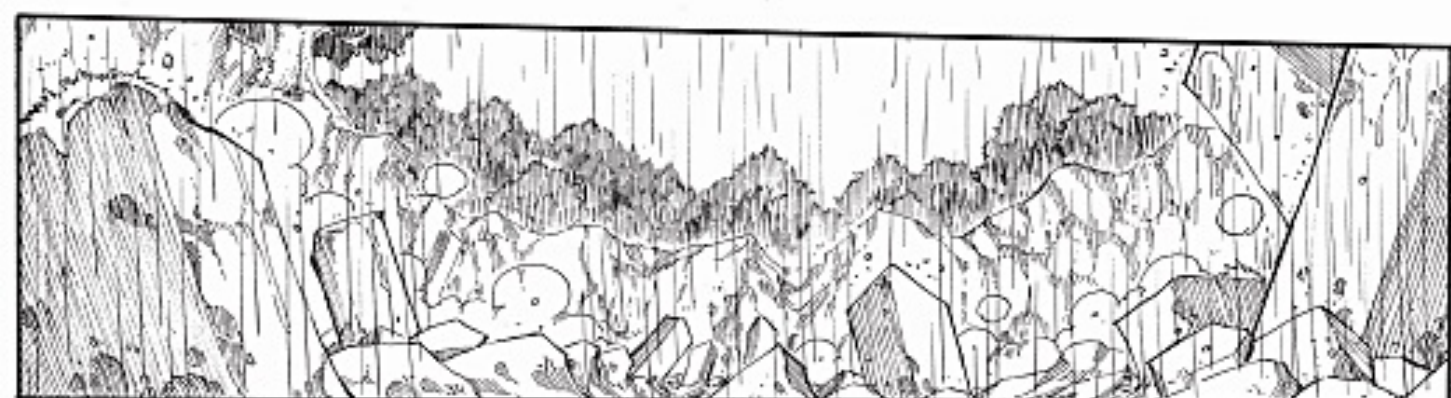
Chapter 235: Sirius Tree





*Fear has now
been written
into my
imagination
!!!!*

*Forward!!!!
Britia's
Spirits!!!!
Eat the souls
of those
fairies!!!!*



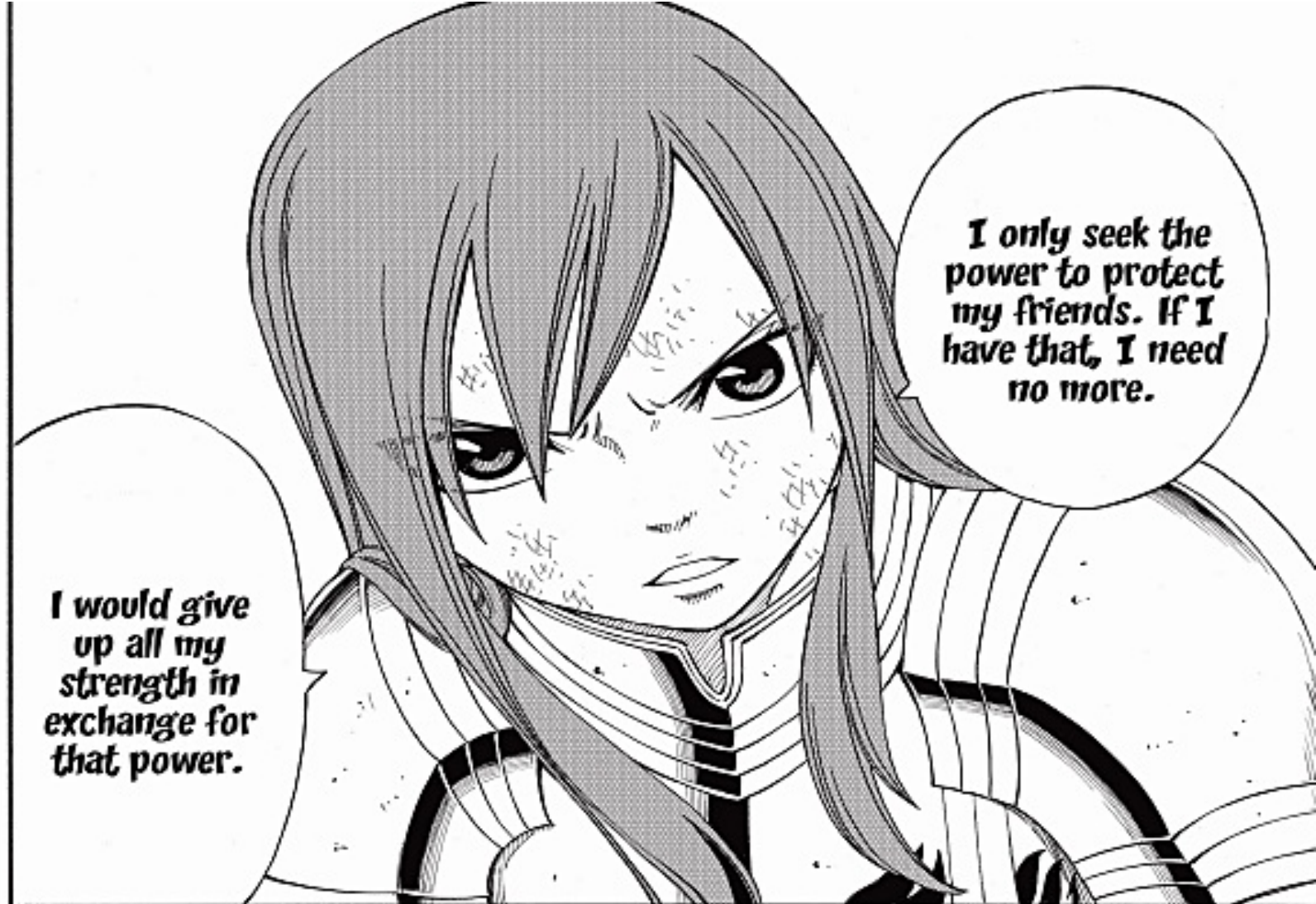






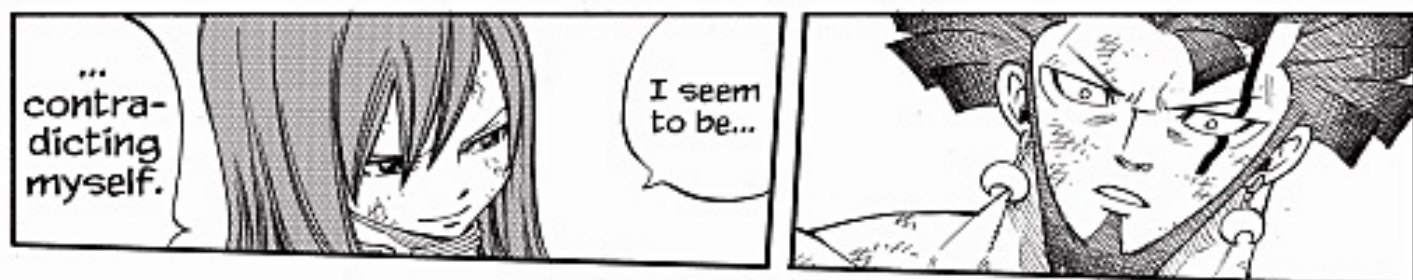






I would give up all my strength in exchange for that power.

I only seek the power to protect my friends. If I have that, I need no more.



...contradicting myself.

I seem to be...



It means that time is up.

カカカカ
RUMMBLE



What do you mean?!

It's too bad. I wanted a fair fight with you.

You're pretty interesting.

It's the
Lost Magic
Arboreal
Arc.

ゴッゴッゴッ
RUMBLE
ゴッゴッゴッ

RUMBLE
ゴッゴッゴッ

My magic
is wood
magic.

Control-
ling the
power of
the earth?!!

...and
controlling
the magic
accumulated in
the earth.

But the real
power of this
magic comes
from digging
roots deep into
the soil...

BOOM

The
explosions
are the magic
of the earth
condensed
into the
hearts of
the trees.

What
are you
saying
...?

ゴッゴッゴッ
RUMBLE
ゴッゴッゴッ

To place the
magic power
of the island
under my
control.

ゴッゴッゴッ
RUMMMBLE
ゴッゴッゴッ

There's
only one
reason
they sent
me to this
island
first.

**BOOOOOO
FUFUFU!**

*...to our
sacred
island?!!!*





What
have you
done...

But
since
I'm
under
orders,
there
was no
choice.

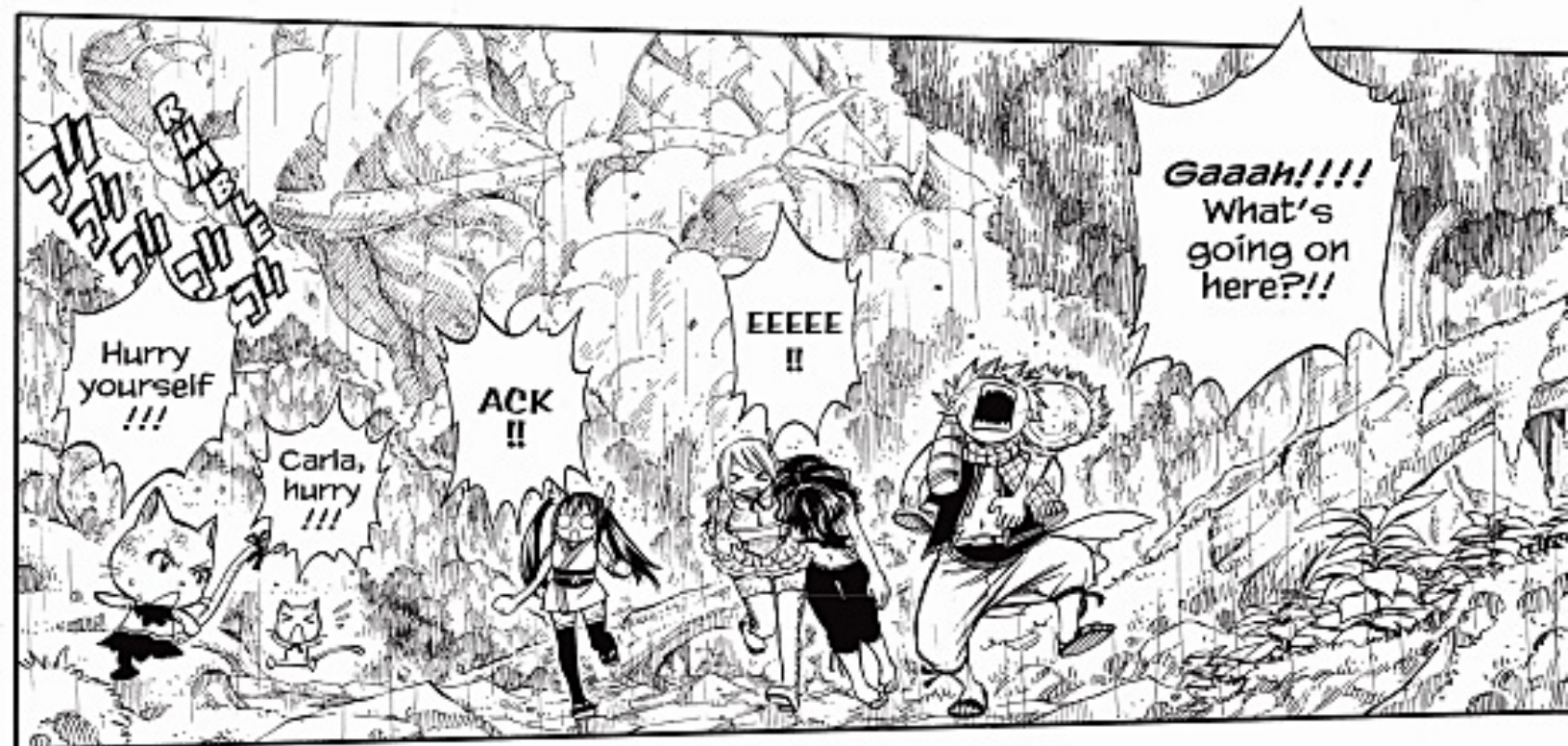
This
isn't what
I would
have cho-
sen, you
under-
stand.



Wh-
What
did you
do?!!



Damn
you...!!!







Damn old man... He told Azuma to do something weird.



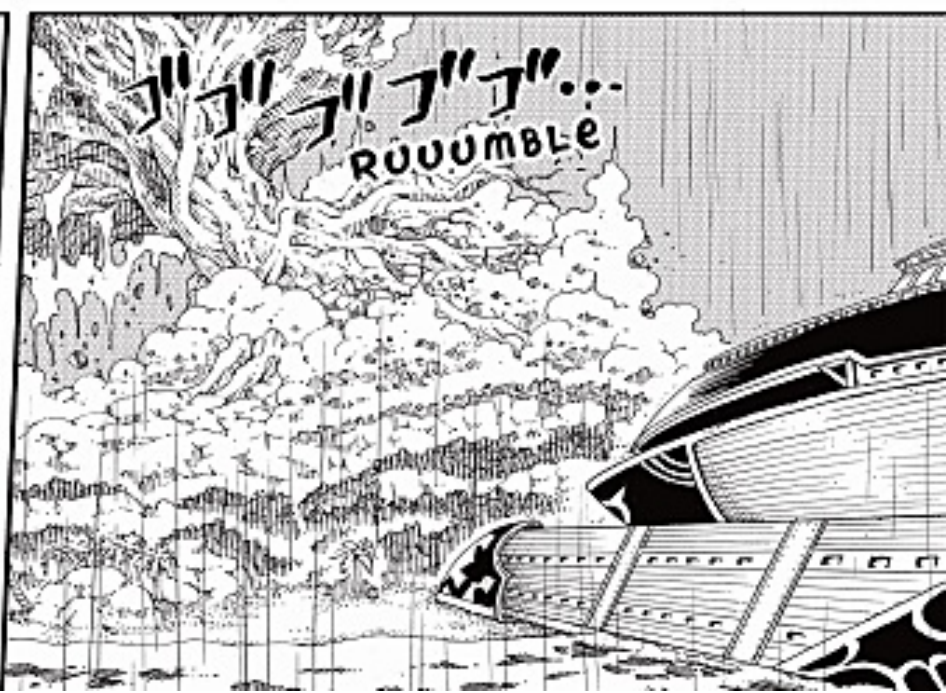
Dammit ...

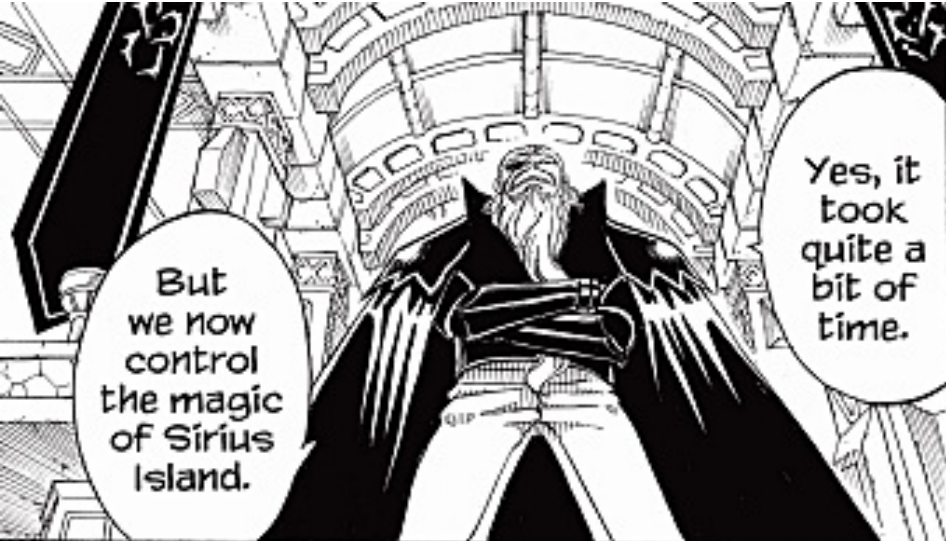
What's happening?!!



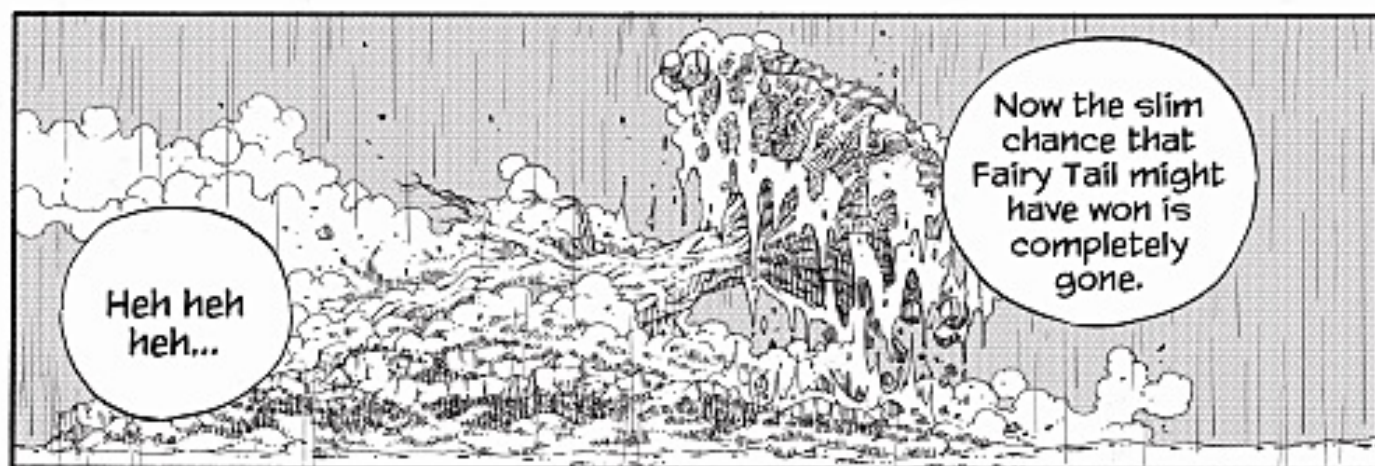
Gildarts? Makarov, you put a strong piece on the board.

I never thought that anyone besides myself could stop Blue Note in his tracks.





Yes, it took quite a bit of time.





That
can't be
possible...

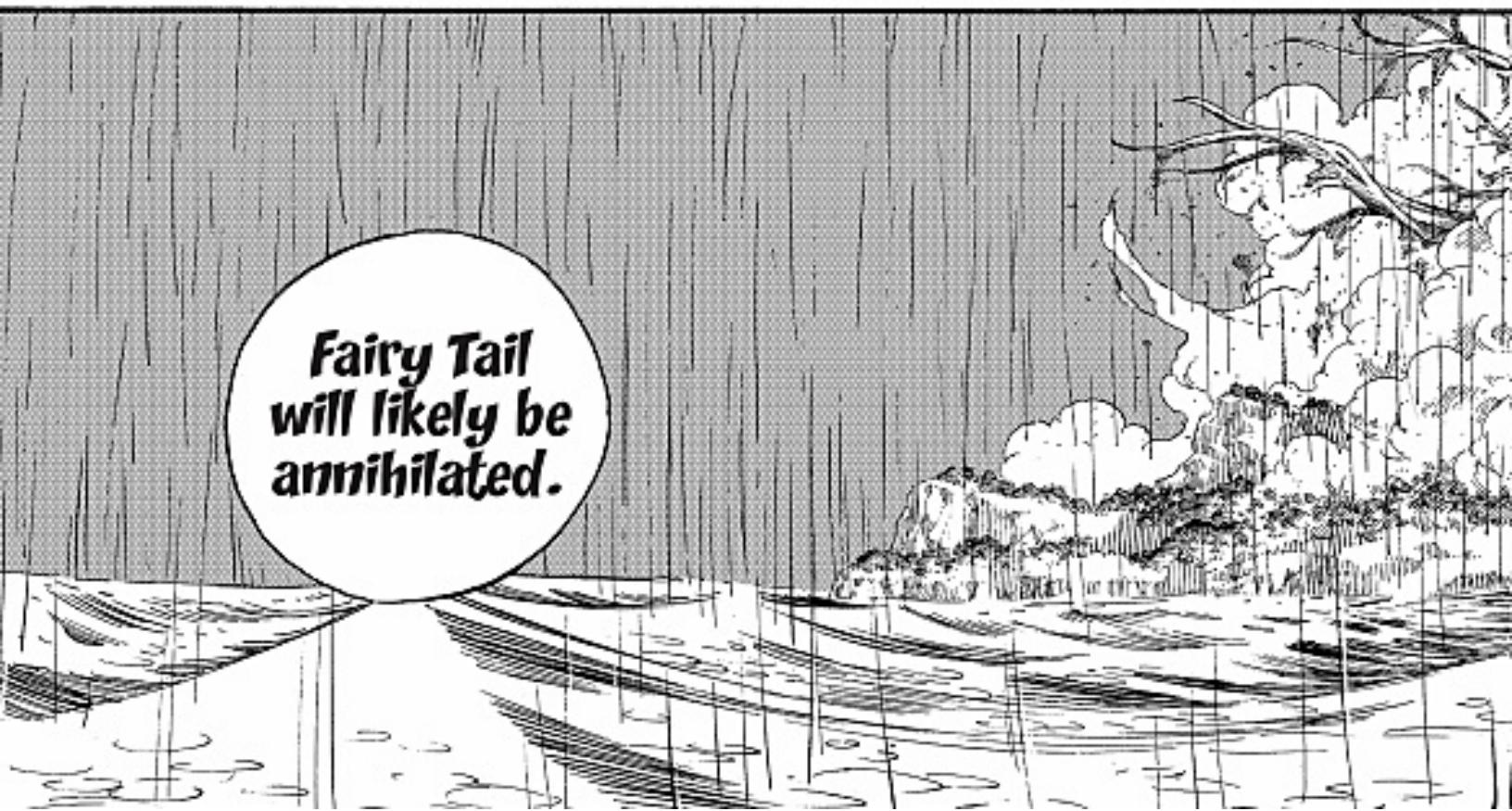
There is
no way...



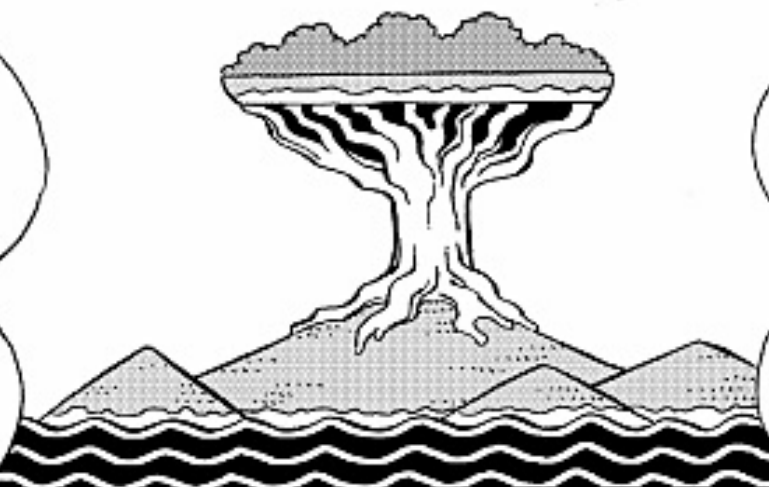
...of all
Fairy Tail
wizards.



...stealing
the
magic...



**Fairy Tail
will likely be
annihilated.**



It protects
any Fairy Tail
wizard on this
island against
death...

...and also has a
special influence
that increases the
guild members'
magical power.

The Sirius Tree,
the giant tree
that grows from
the center of the
island...

...offers
its divine
protection to
any who wear
the Fairy Tail
mark.

Exactly.

Rendering its
protection
from death
useless, while
at the same
time...

So you
cut down
the Sirius
Tree?!!

!

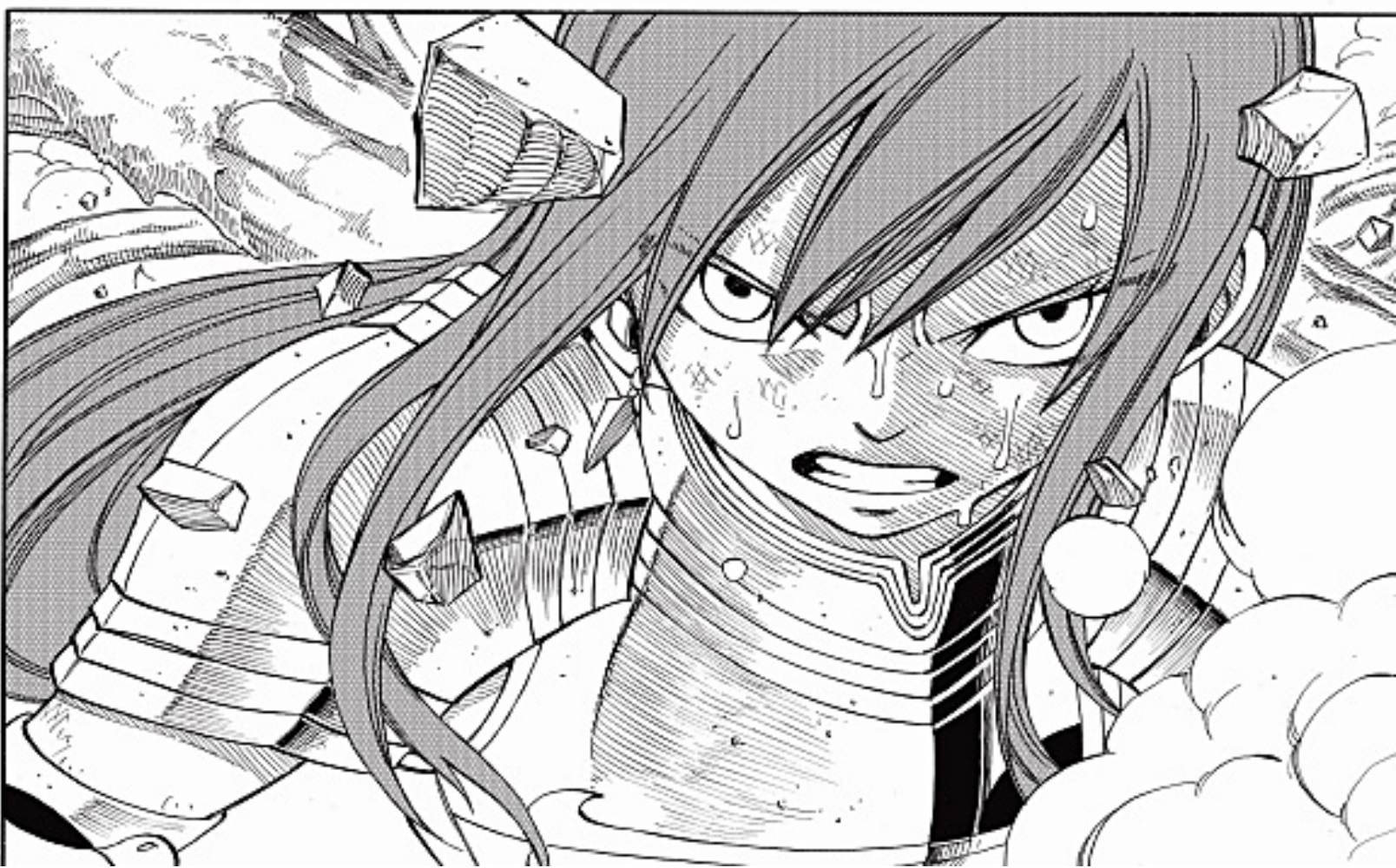
So that's
why the
master
chose the
island as
the site for
the test...



**It is
already
done.**

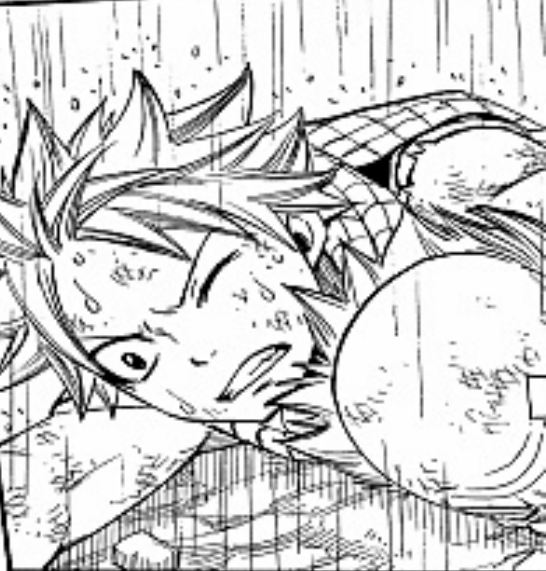
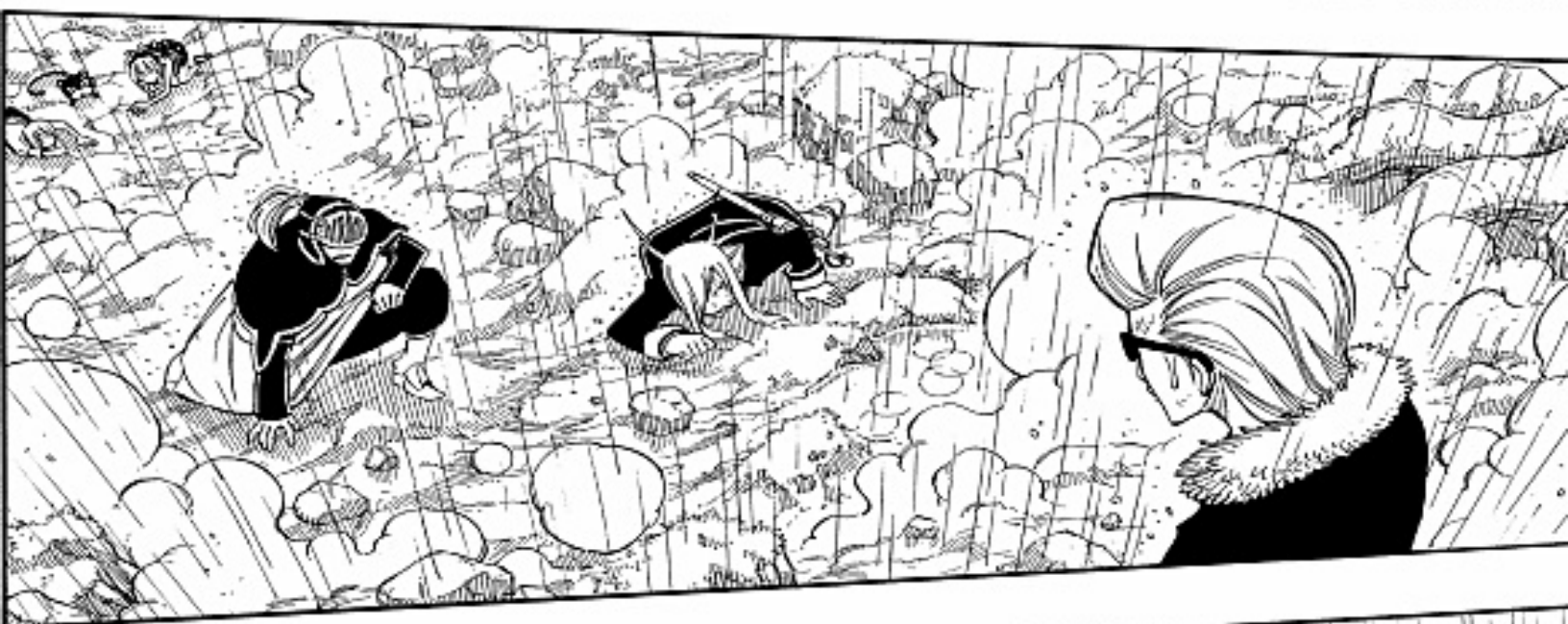


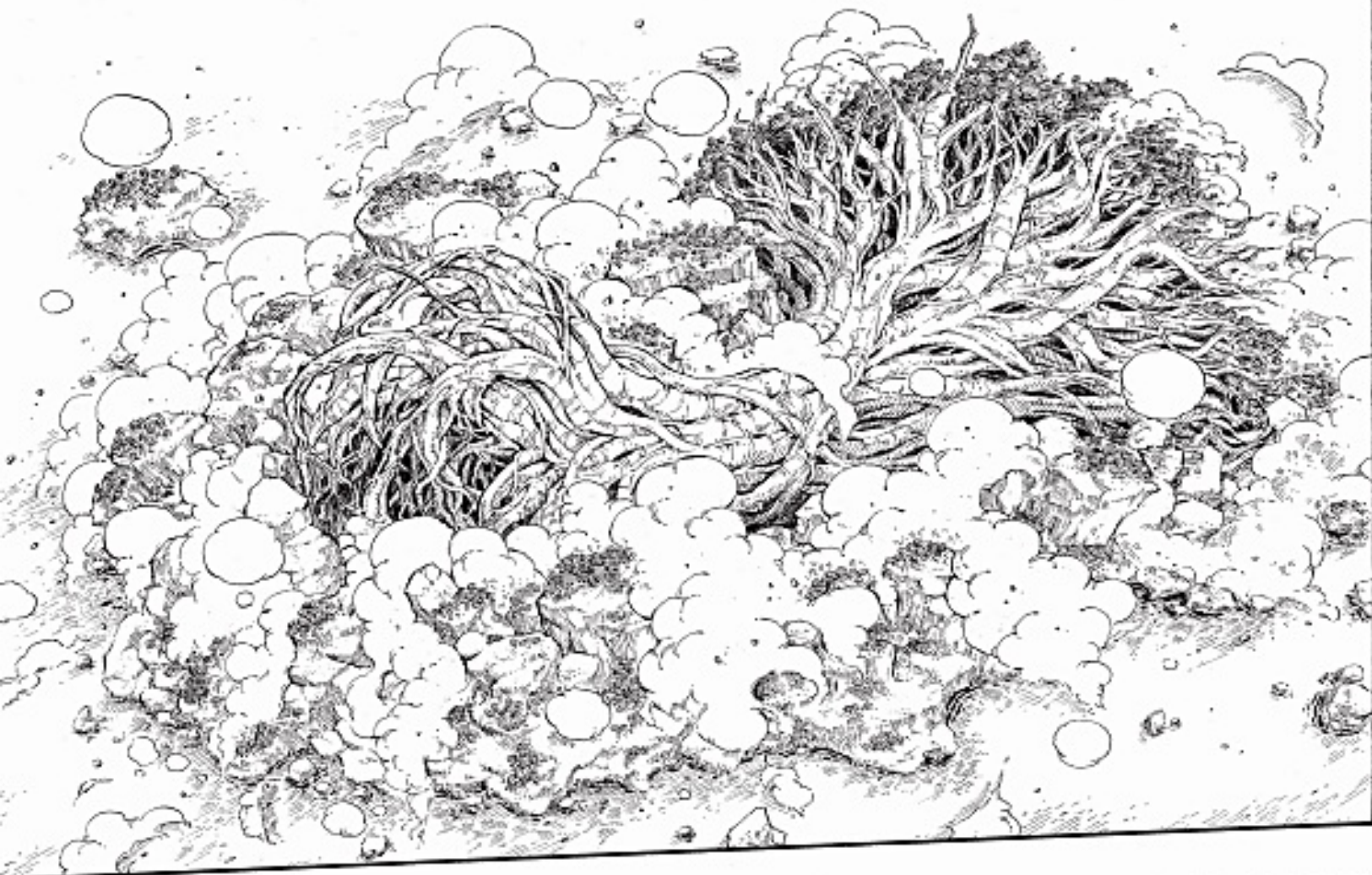
How-
ever...





Chapter 236: Erza vs. Azuma



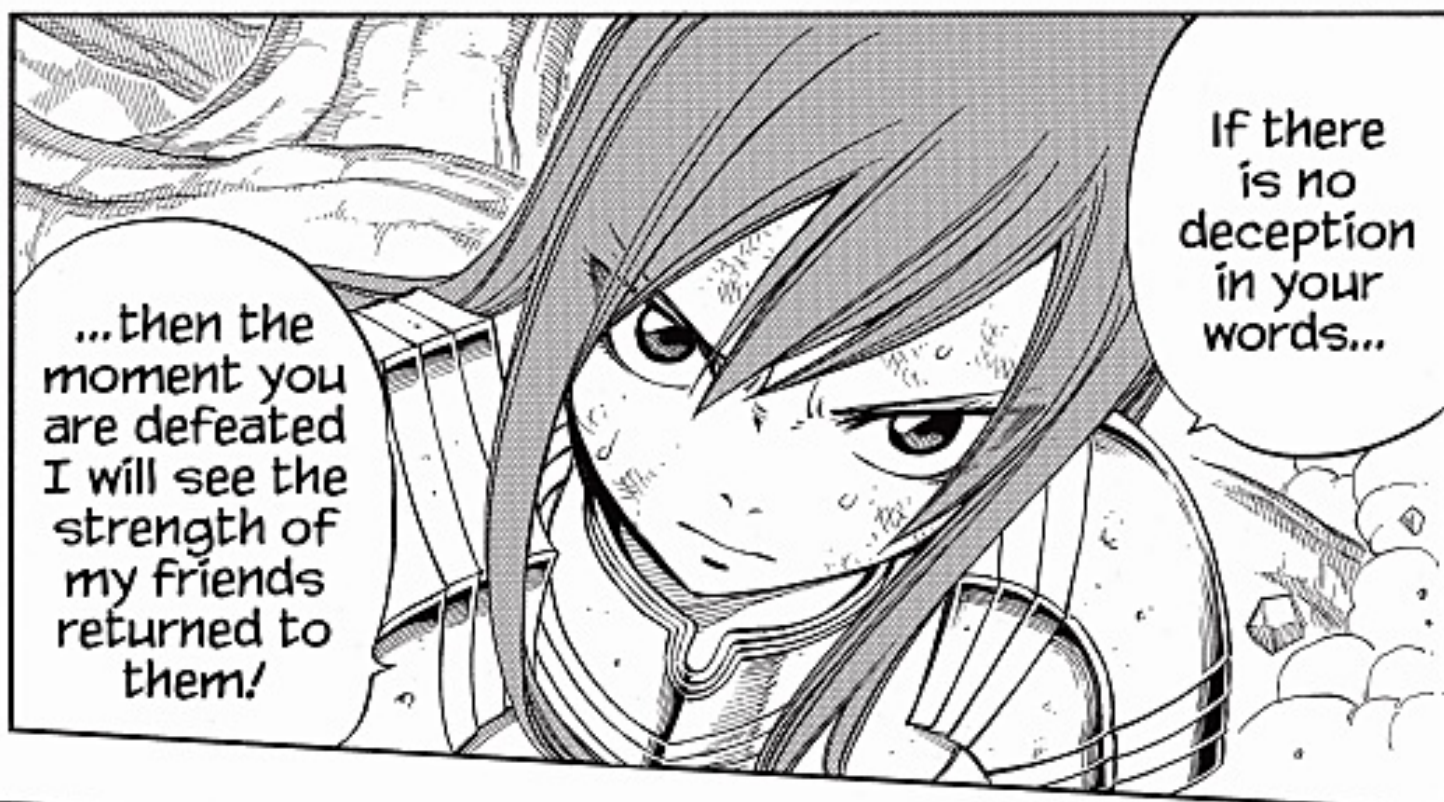






That
is all.

I want to
fight you—
with you going
all out against
me.



...then the
moment you
are defeated
I will see the
strength of
my friends
returned to
them!

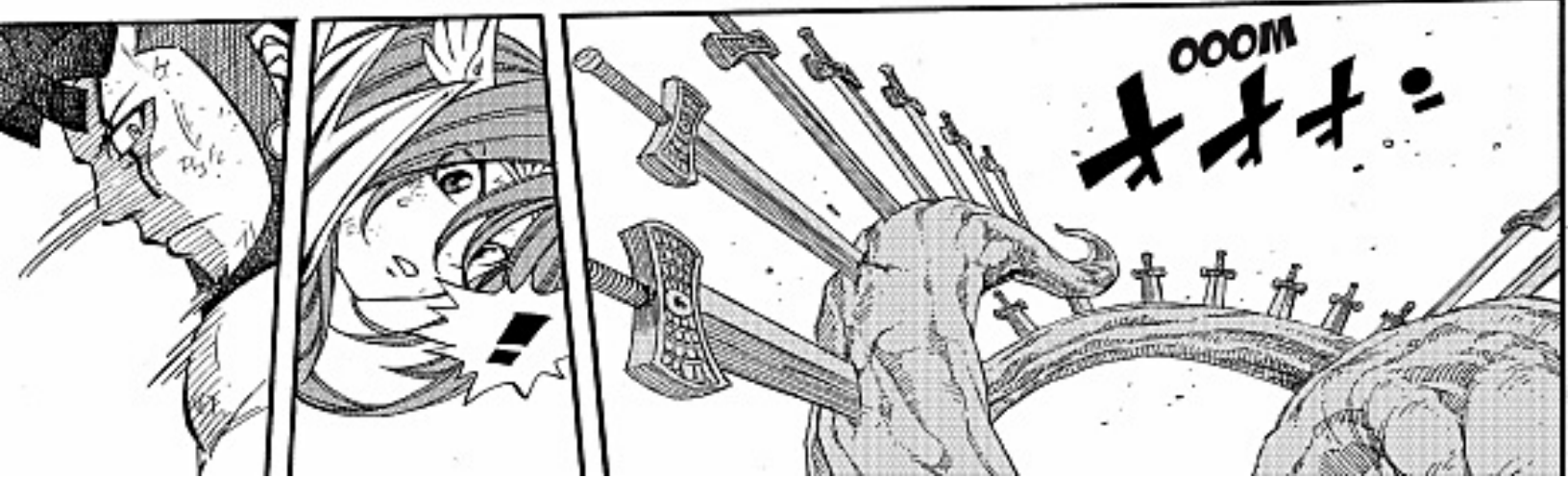
If there
is no
deception
in your
words...



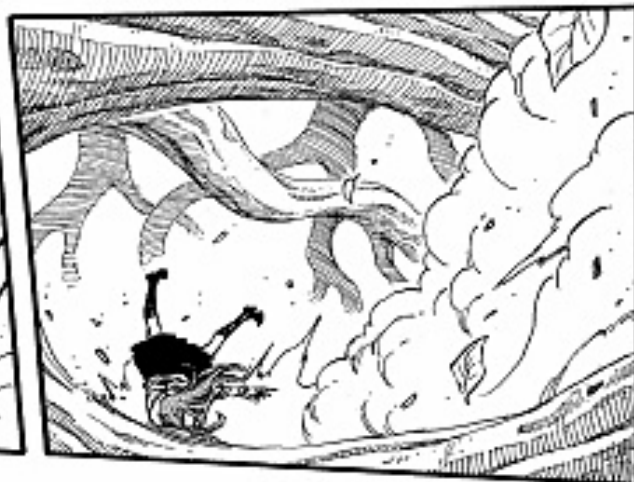
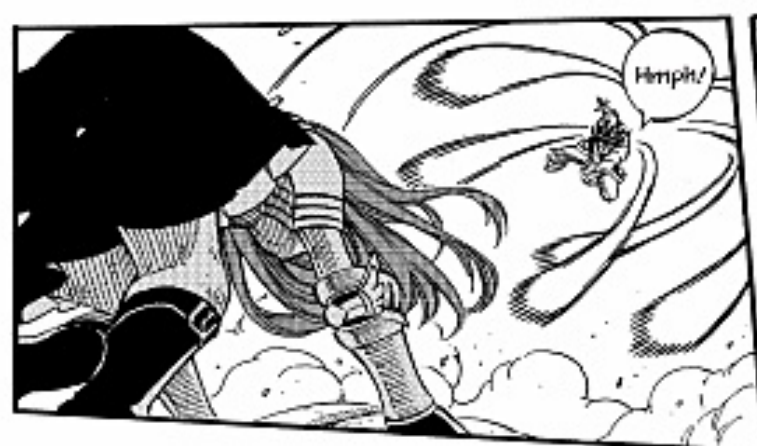
I disliked
this entire
plan in
the first
place.

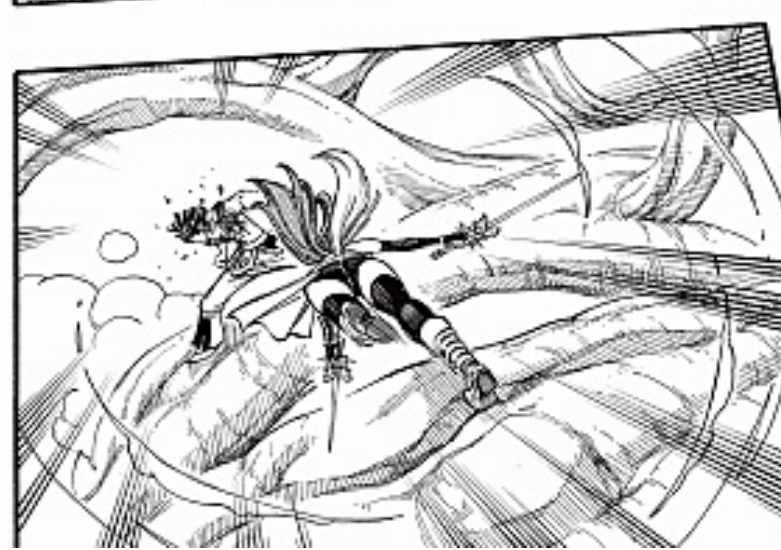
I
promise
that.





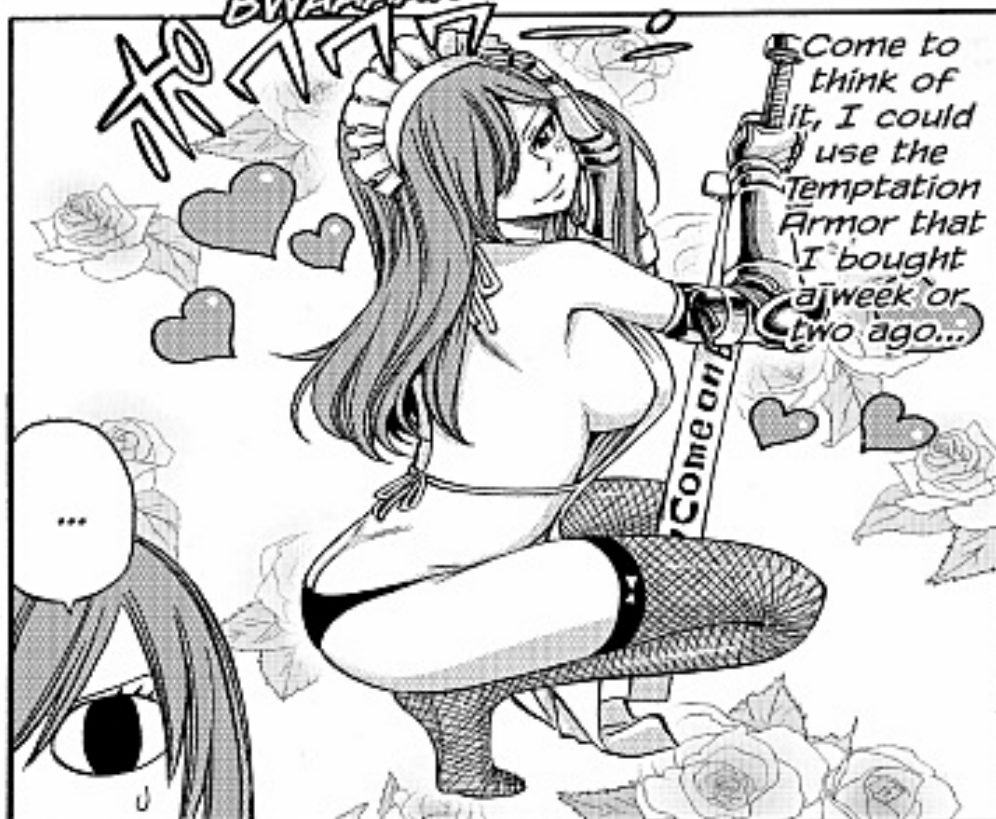












In other words, armor is unnecessary.

I must concentrate all my magic into my sword.

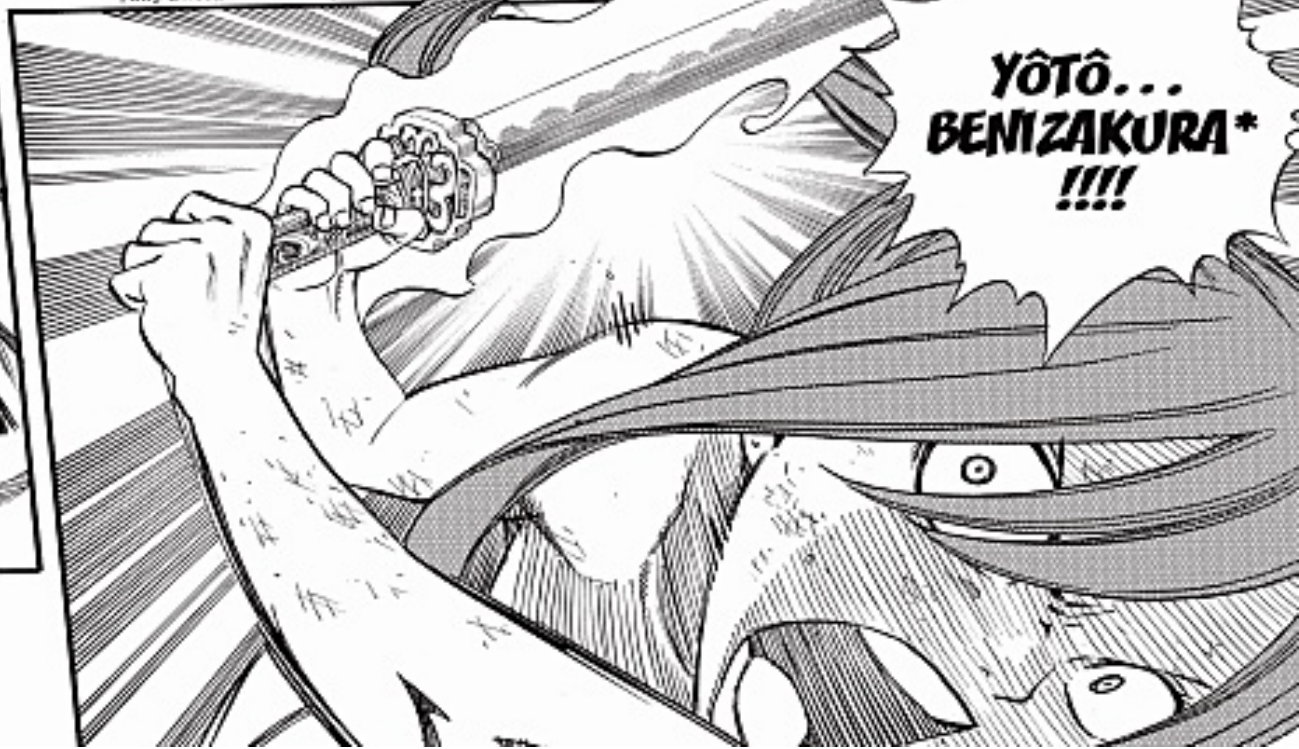
VOOOOPH!!

Appear now!

The magic of this sword is such that I could not even grip it and still have magic left for my armor...

*Fairy Sword... Red Cherry Blossom

**YÔTÔ...
BENIZAKURA*
!!!!**



**Come
at me,
Titania
!!!!**

*I am their
last hope!!*

**O O R
h h
h h
!!!**

*My
downfall
is the
downfall of
my entire
guild!!*

*I must put
everything into
this attack...*

*I cannot
lose!!*

*This is for
the guild...*

ZWOOSH



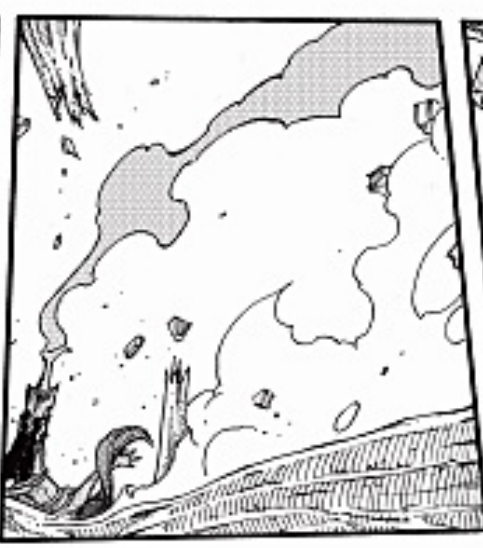


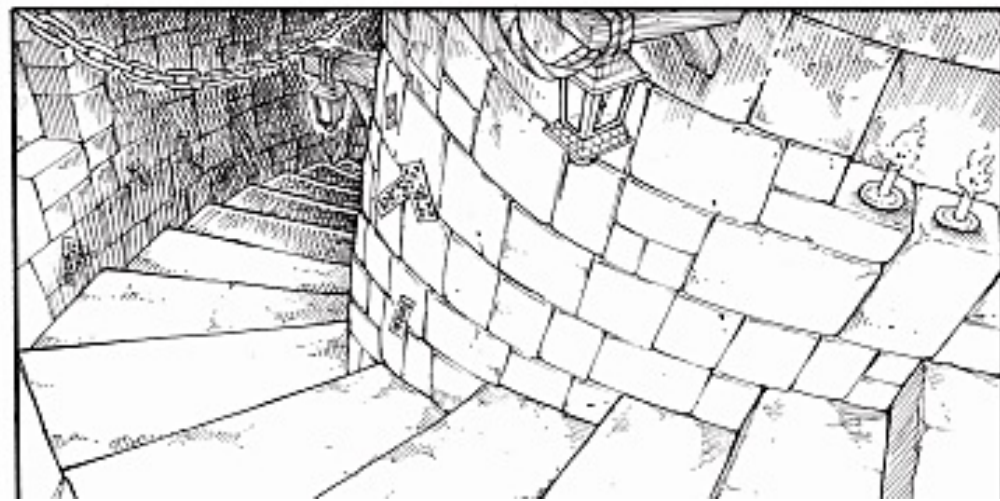
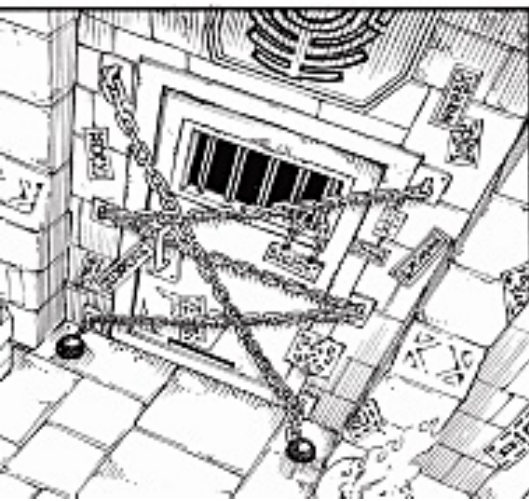
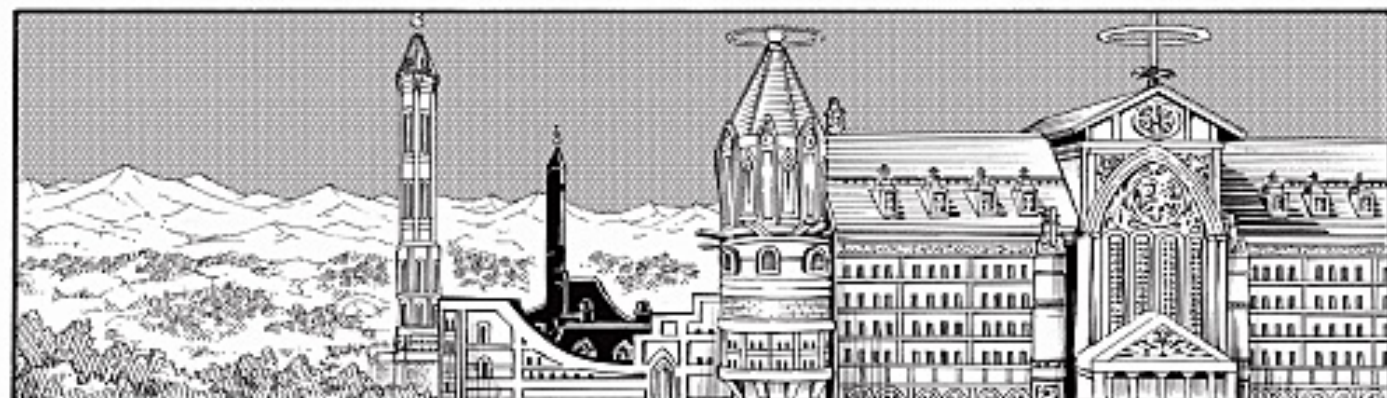
KAI
BO

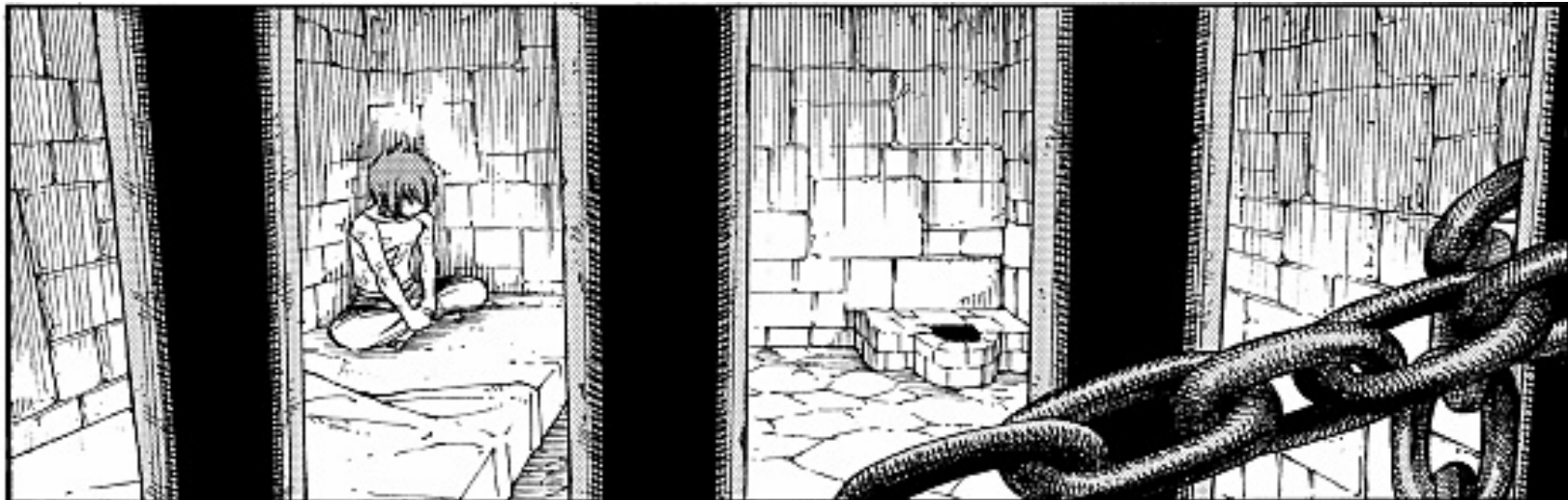
*Terra
Clamare
!!!!!!*

W
A
A
A
G
H!

XO
M+



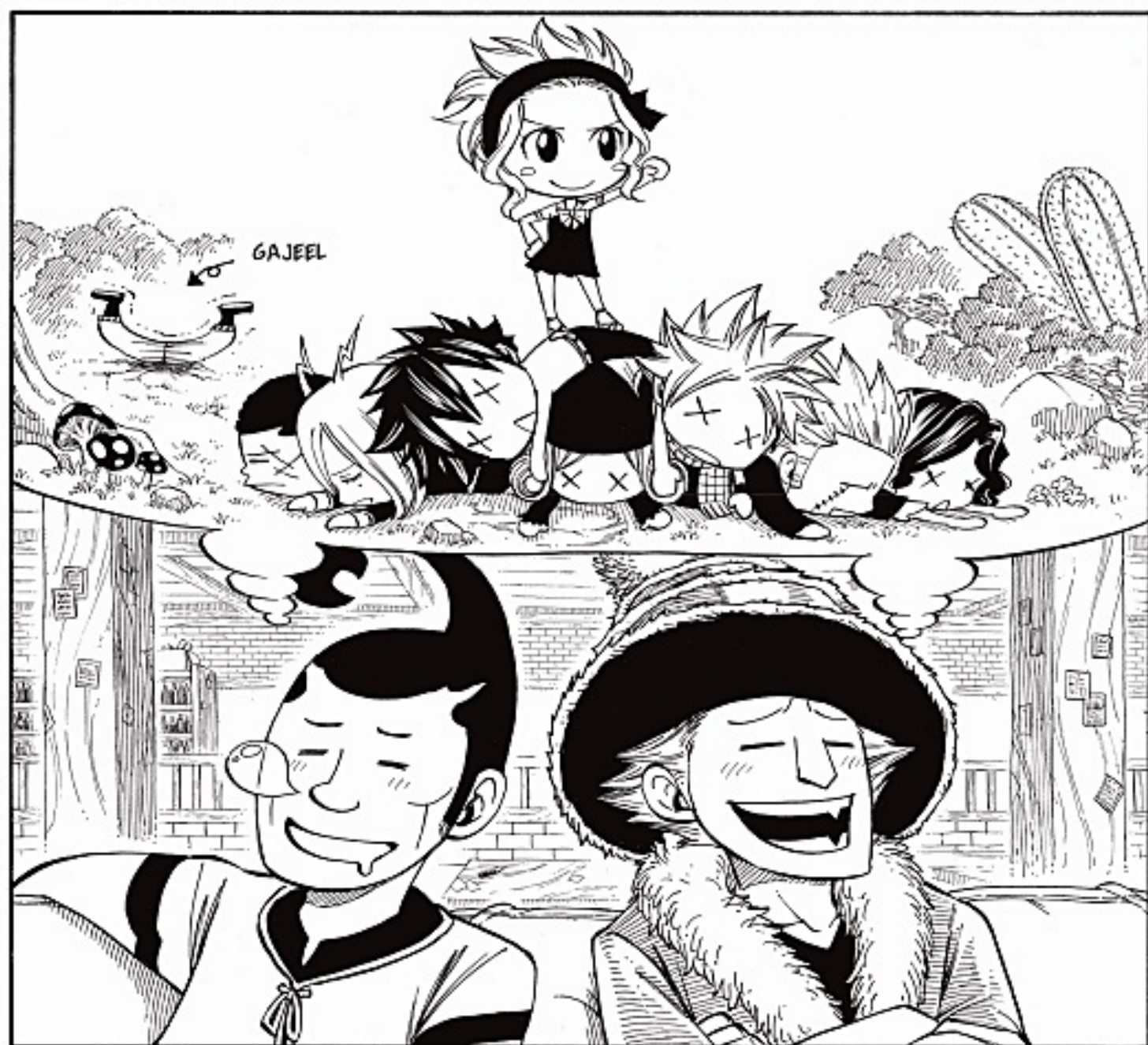


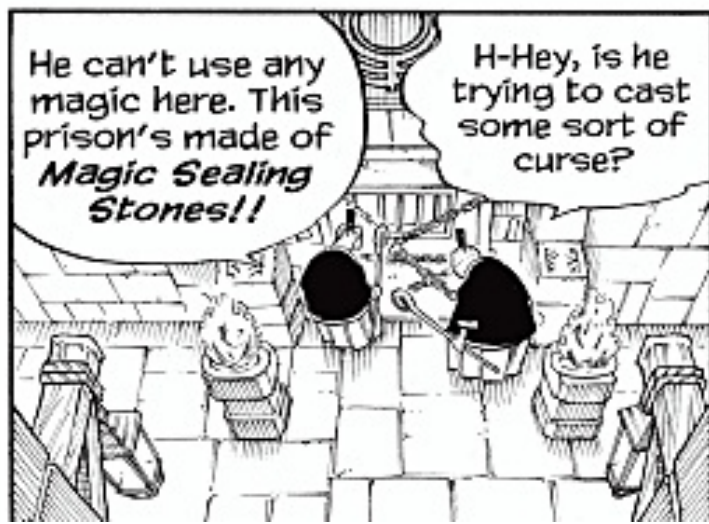
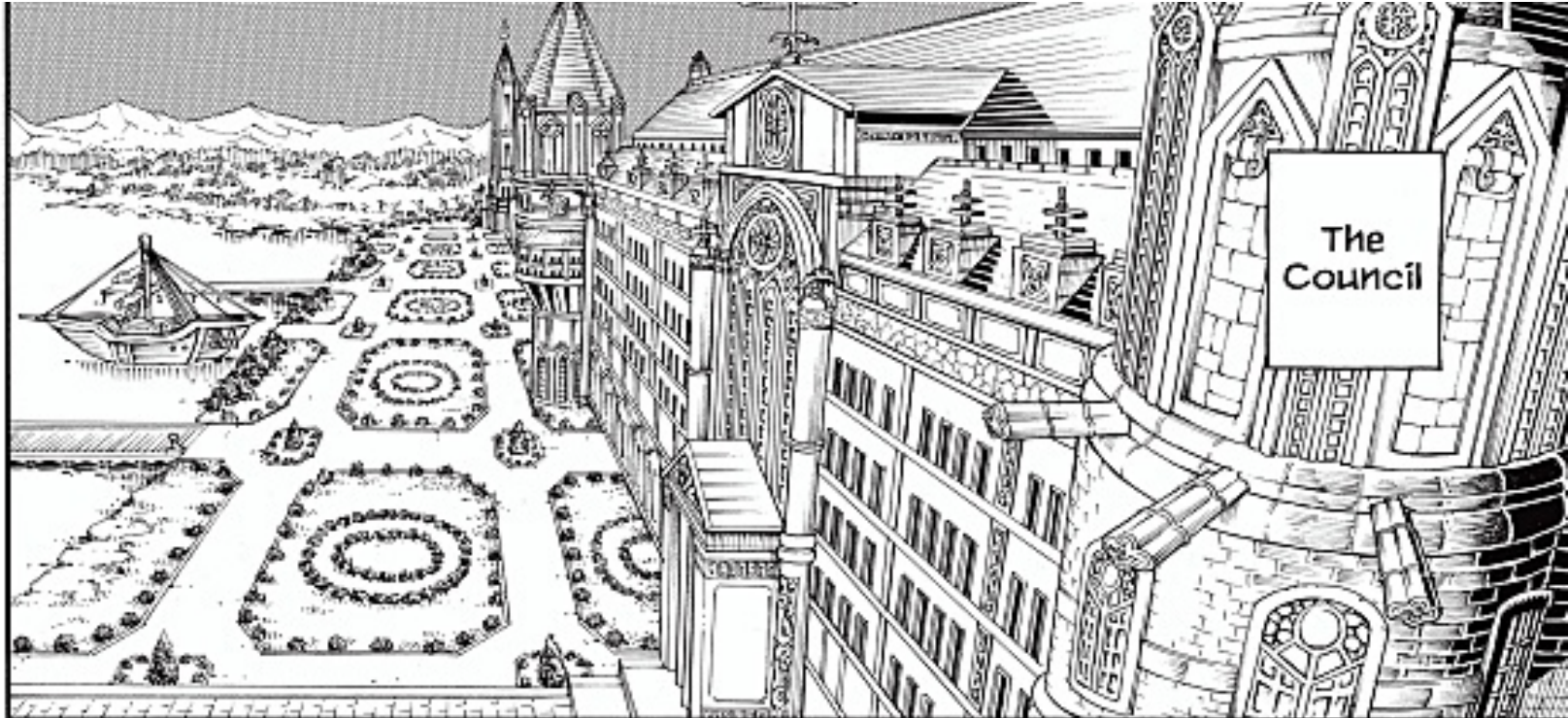


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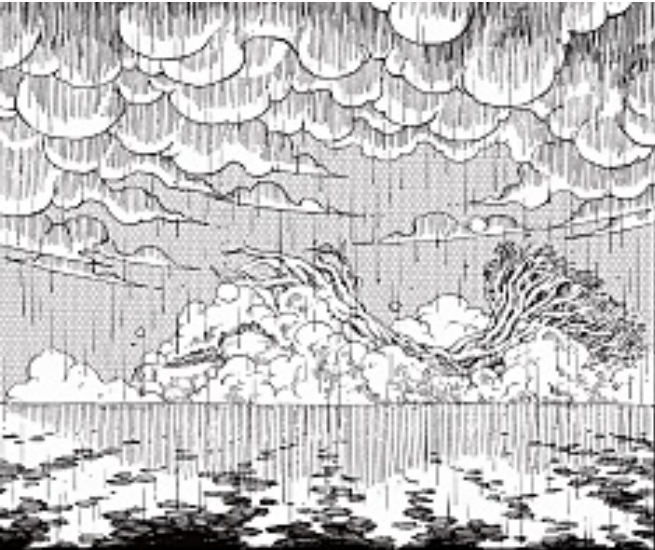
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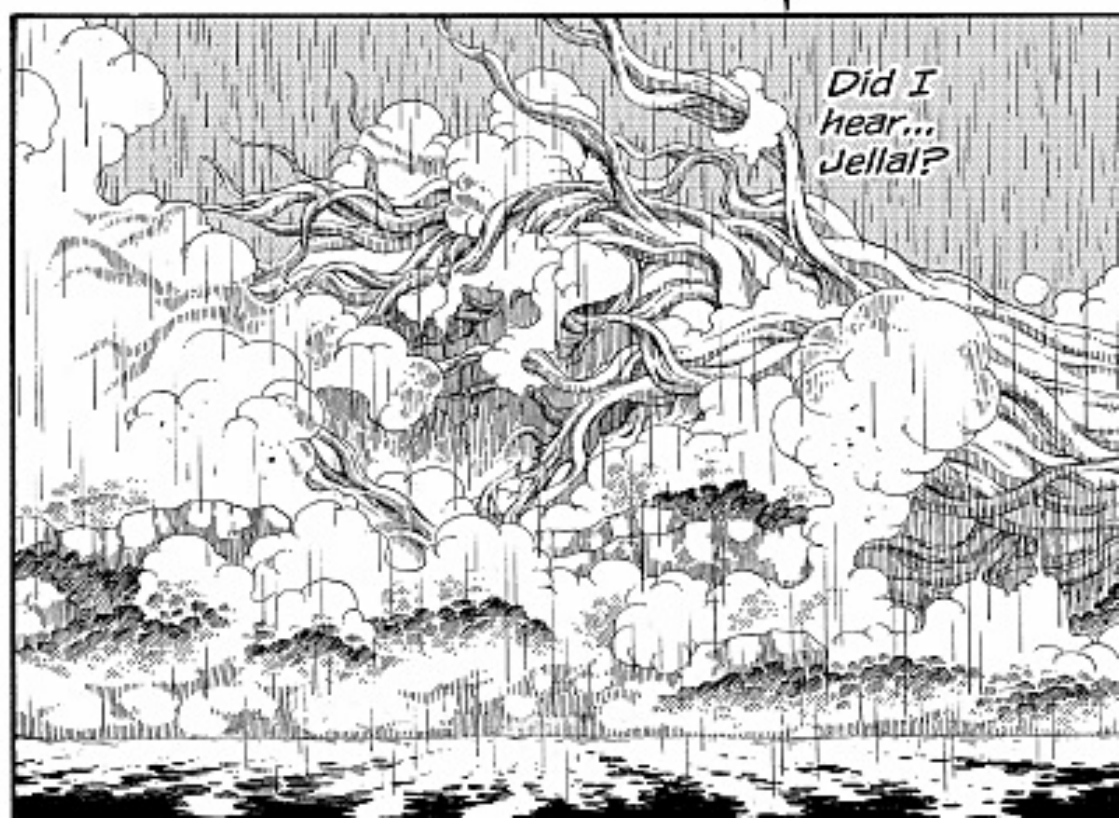
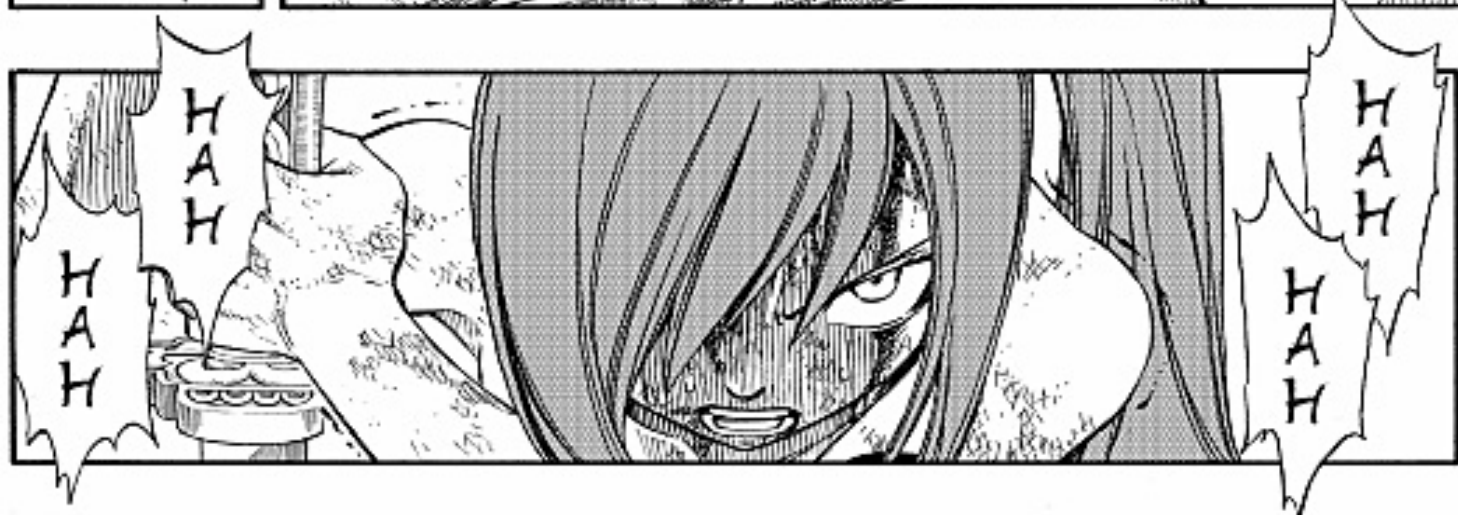
Chapter 237: What Kind of Guild Is This











*I must
gather
my will...*

*Don't get
lost in
memory!*

*Jellal is
gone!*

*Don't get
carried
away.*

*Don't get
soft.*

*I have to
stand...*

*...for the
sake of
everyone
in the
guild!!!!*









You will
witness
the magic
power of
Sirius
Island
one last
time!!!



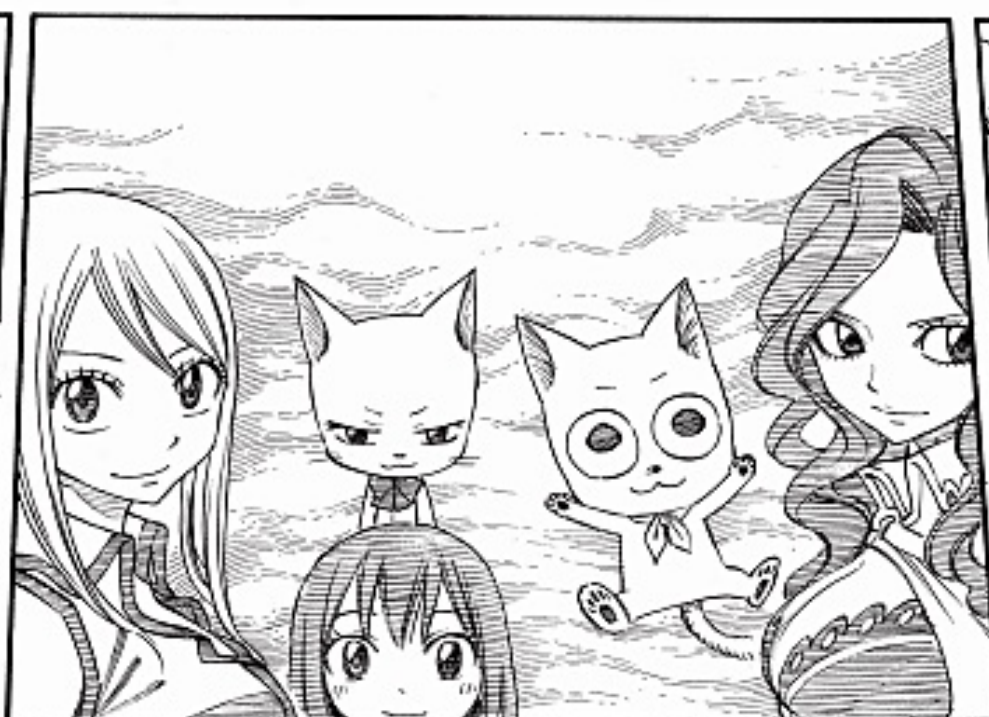
This
is the
end!!!

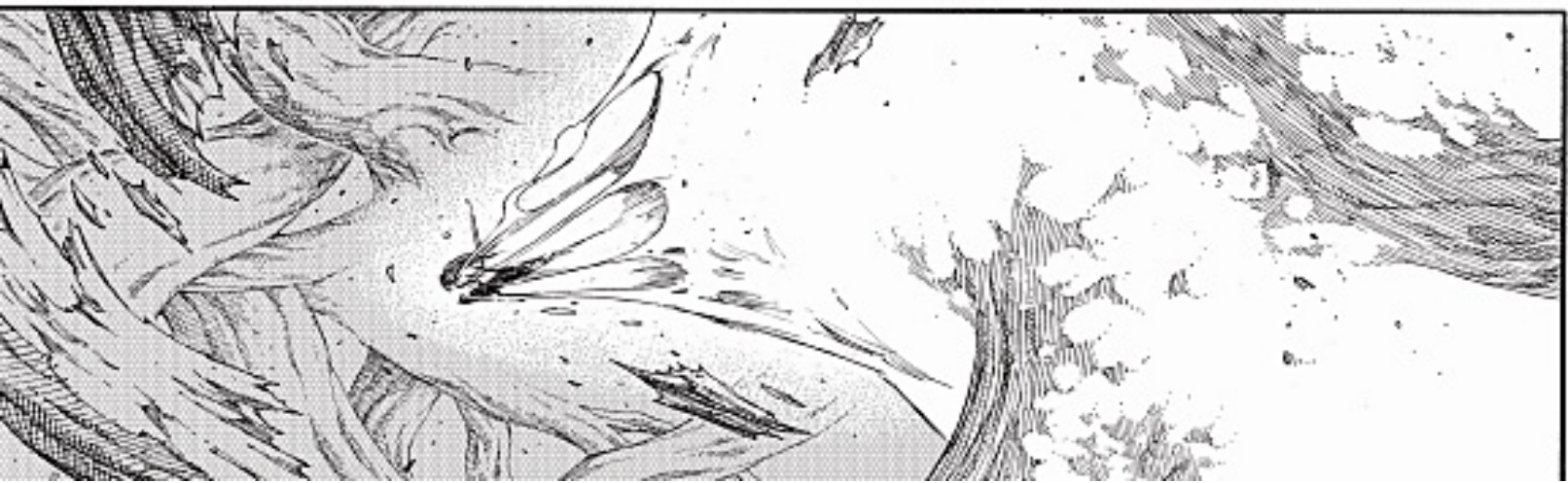
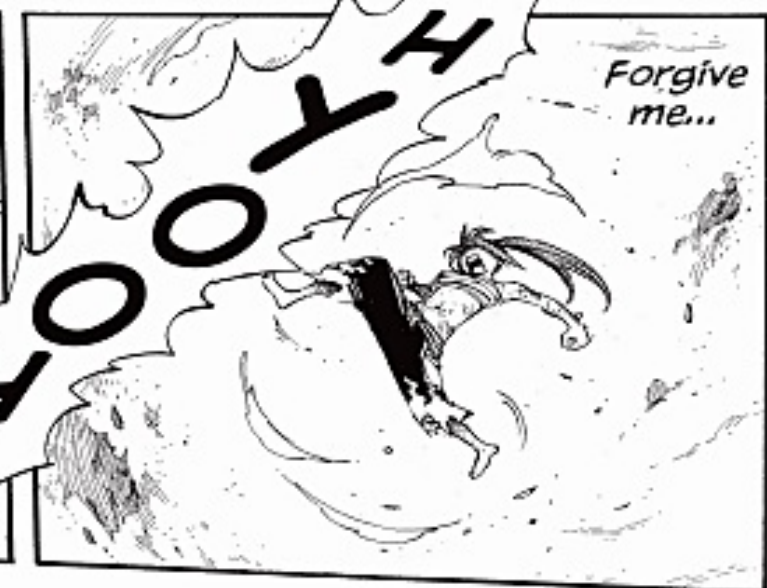


**TERRA
CLA-
MARE
!!!!**

**W
a
a
a
a
g
h
!!!**

KAFOOOM!!!







Wha
...?!

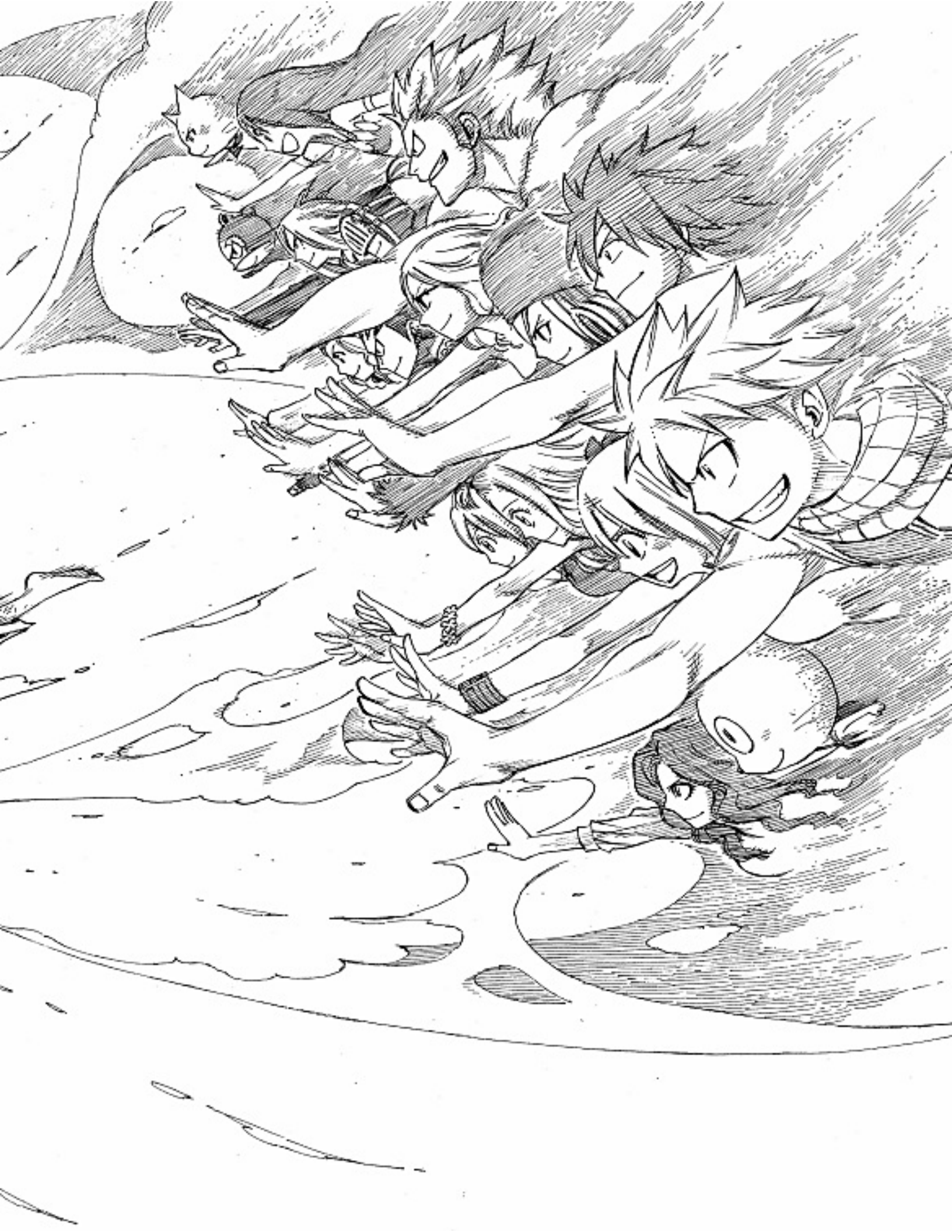


What I am
doing is not
protecting
all of my
friends.



Wh-
What is
this...?!





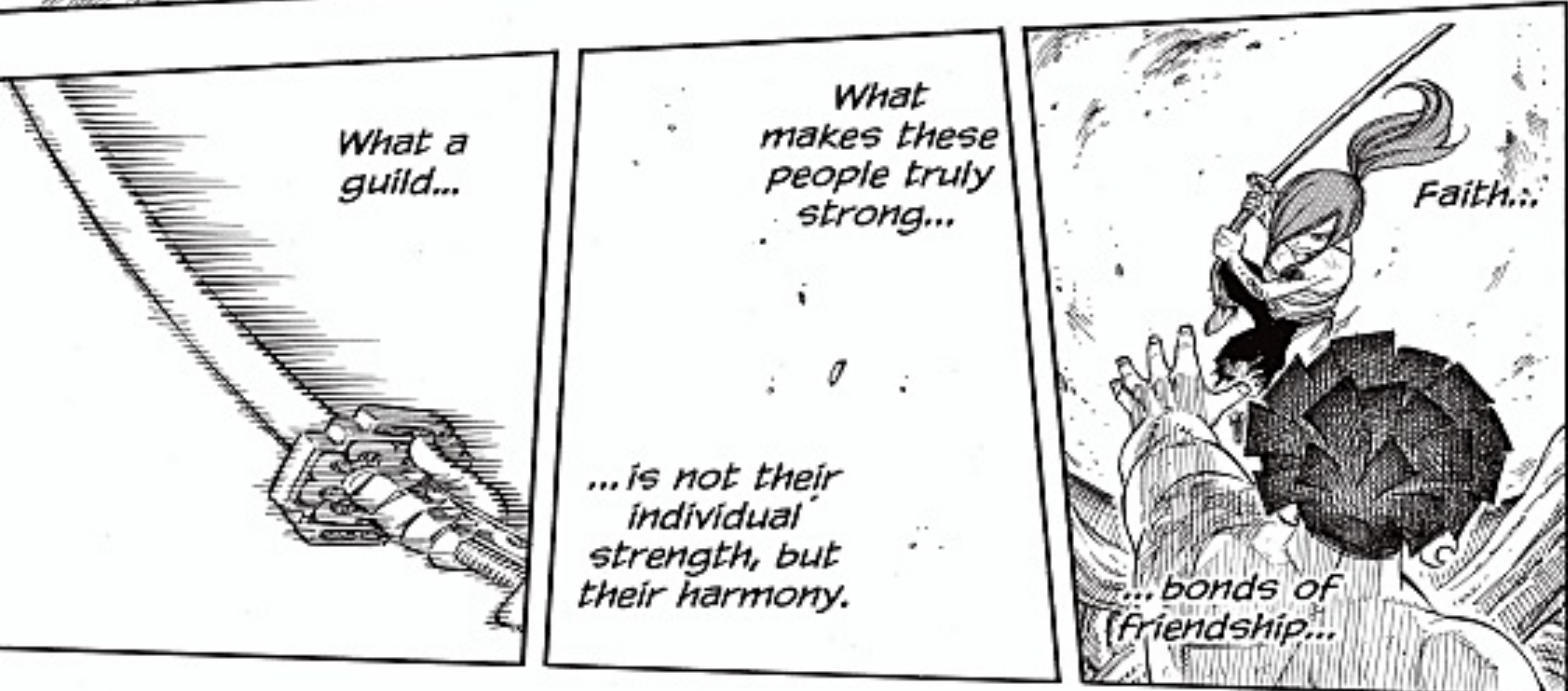
A close-up, black and white manga-style illustration of a woman with long, dark hair. She is holding a sword with both hands, and the blade is positioned diagonally across the frame. Her eyes are closed, and she has a serene, almost smiling expression. The background is dark and indistinct.

*They have
always been
the ones
protecting
me!!!!*

A black and white manga-style illustration of a man with spiky hair, wearing a light-colored shirt and dark pants with a belt. He is running through a field of tall grass or reeds, looking back over his shoulder with a determined expression. His hands are clenched into fists.

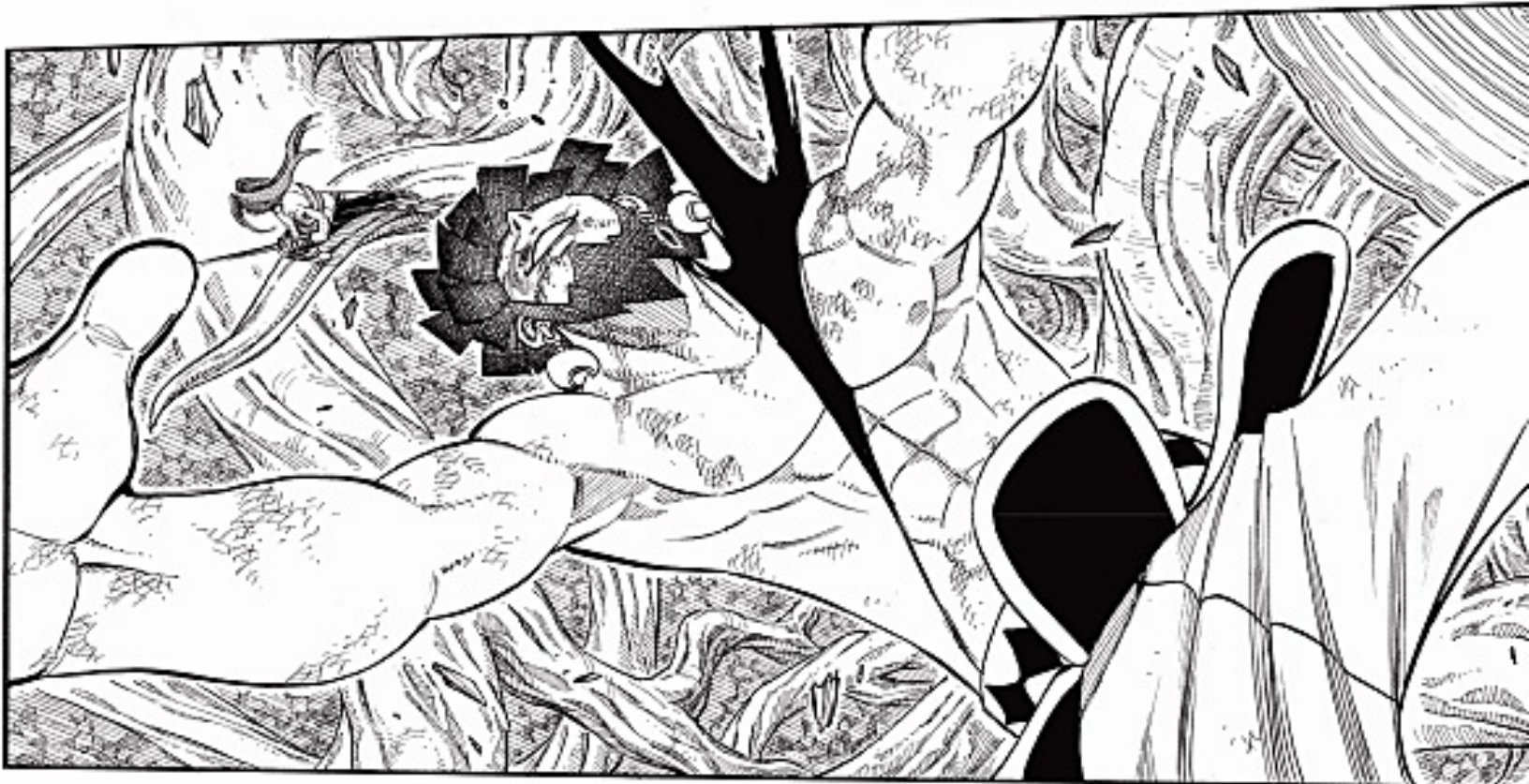
*...but in
fact...it was
granting her
its divine
protection?*

*The magic of
Sirius Island
should be under
my complete
control...*









FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル

Chapter 238: At One Time







I'm
returning
your friends'
magic to
them.

I'll
keep my
promise.



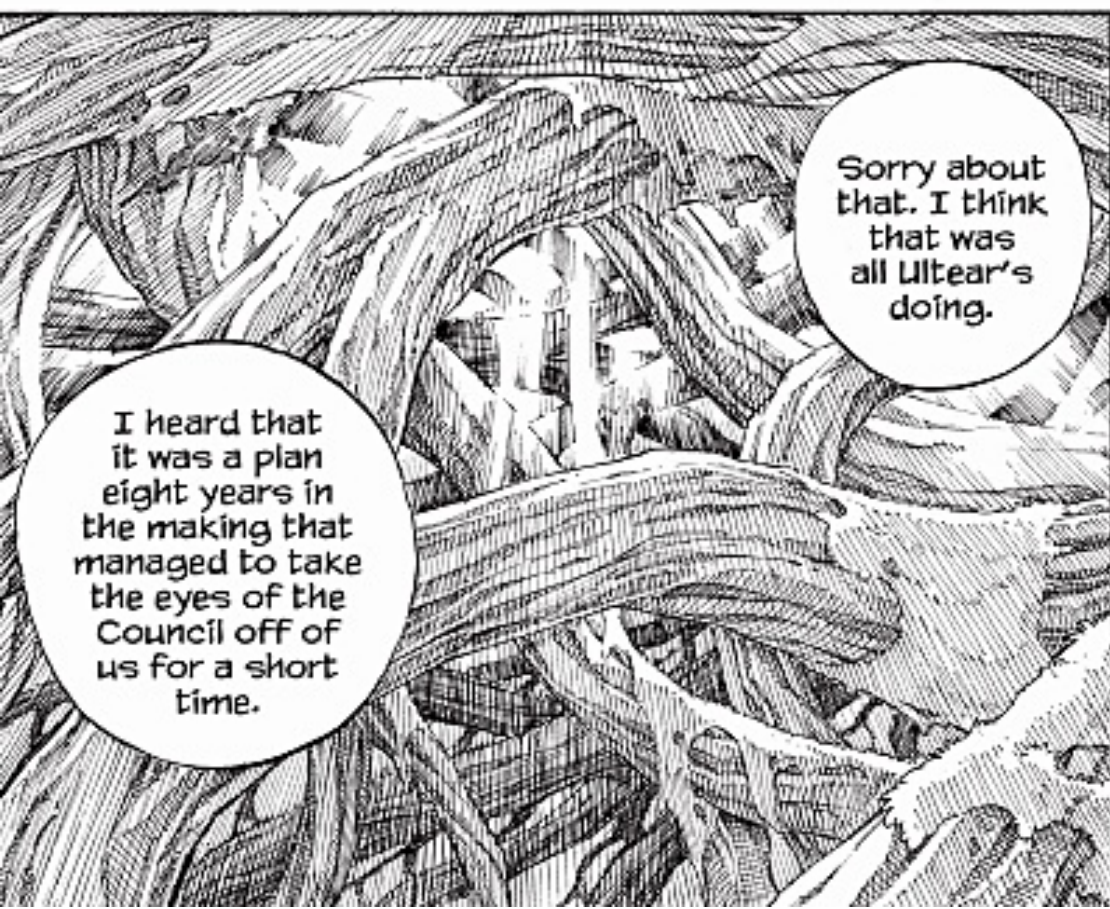
From what I
hear, Jellal is a
sad man who
descended
into nihilism.

I hear he lost his
reason when he
was possessed
by the ghost
of Zeref, even
though Zeref is
still alive...



Yes...

Do you
know a
man named
Jellal?



Sorry about
that. I think
that was
all Ultear's
doing.

I heard that
it was a plan
eight years in
the making that
managed to take
the eyes of the
Council off of
us for a short
time.



Was he
someone
special to
you?





Why would you people be so fervent in the search for Zeref?



She is a frightening woman.

So it makes sense that Master Hades places such trust in her.



To get closer to the One Magic... perhaps.

For magic from the dawn of the world!



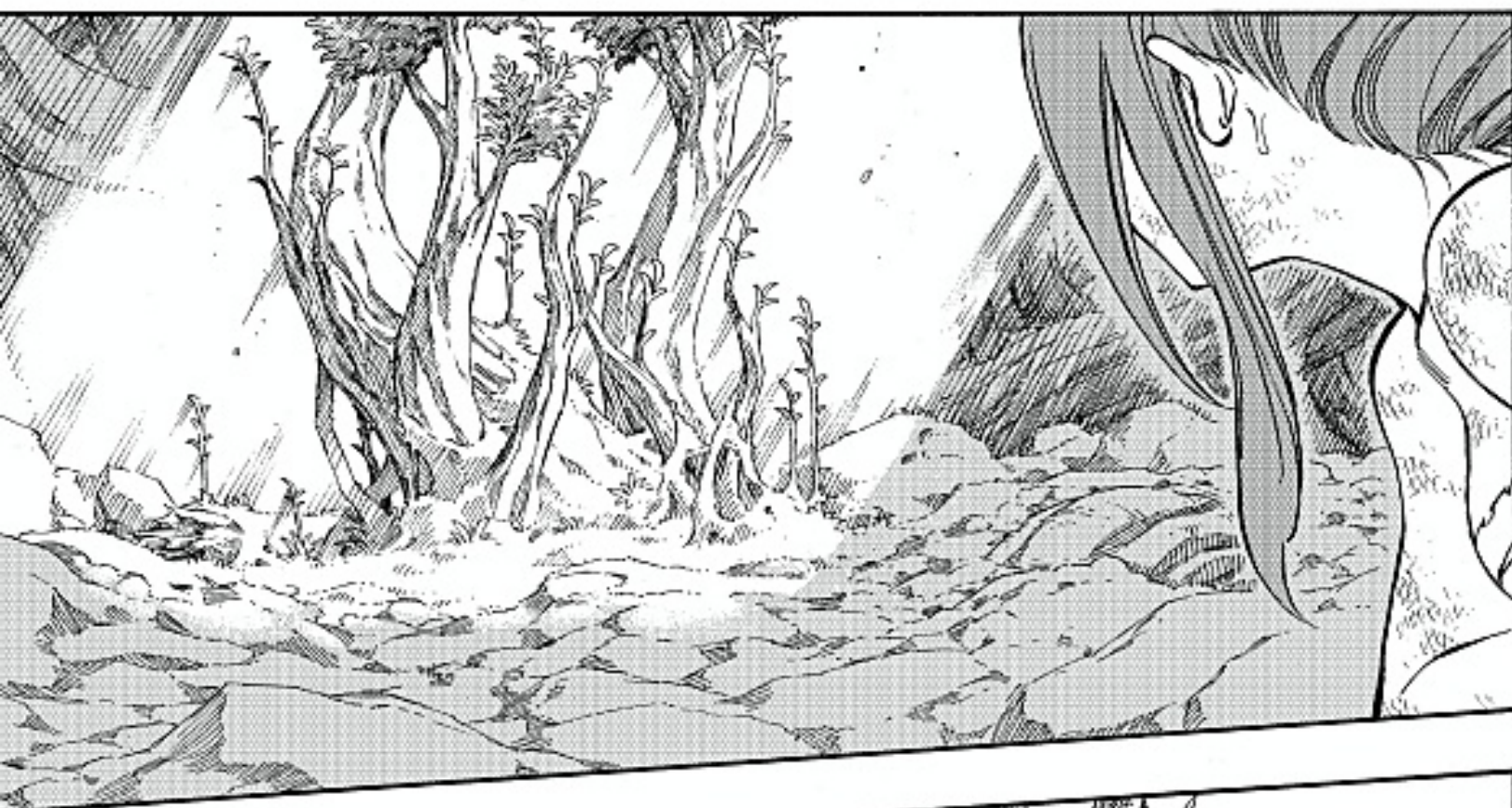
Jellal had a dream of "heaven."



Once you've got it, what happens then?!!



The One Magic?



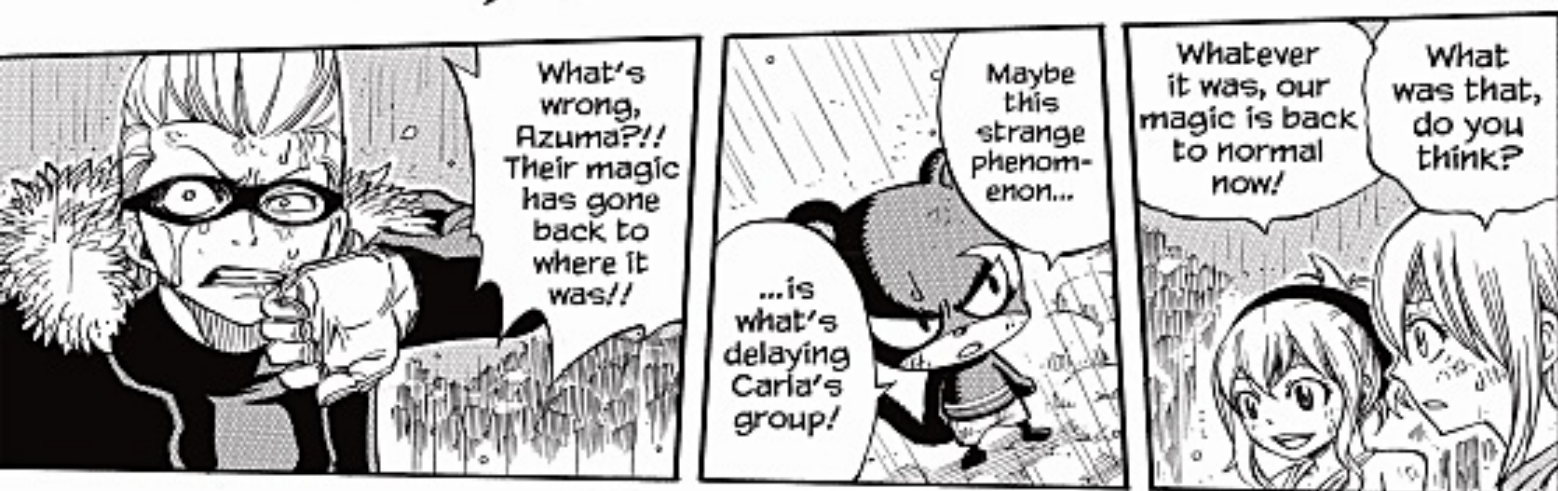




GWAAH
!!

Heey
!!!!

SHINING



What's
wrong,
Azuma?!!
Their magic
has gone
back to
where it
was!!

Maybe
this
strange
phenom-
enon...

...is
what's
delaying
Carla's
group!

Whatever
it was, our
magic is back
to normal
now!

What
was that,
do you
think?



BAZOOM

WHAK

Even
the great
Gildarts had
his power
sucked
out!!

GOOM

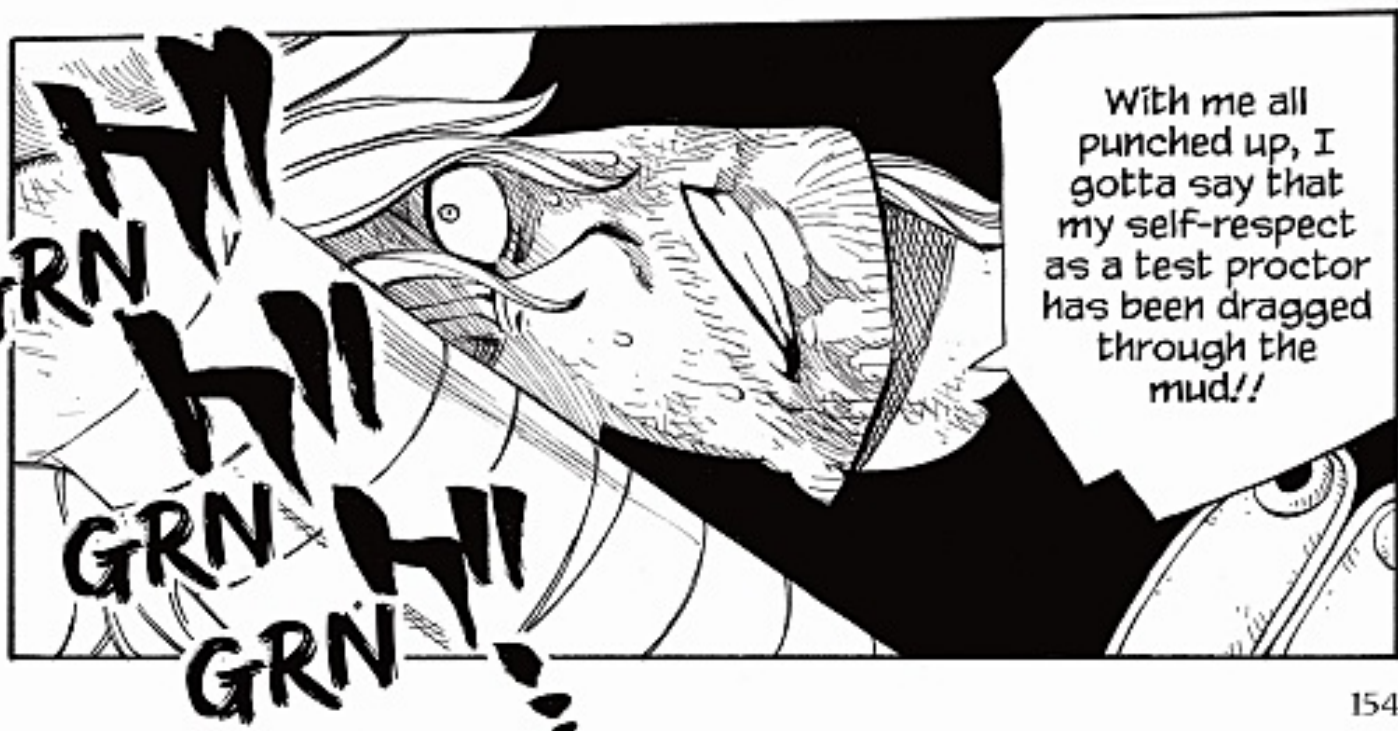
BOOM

GATCH

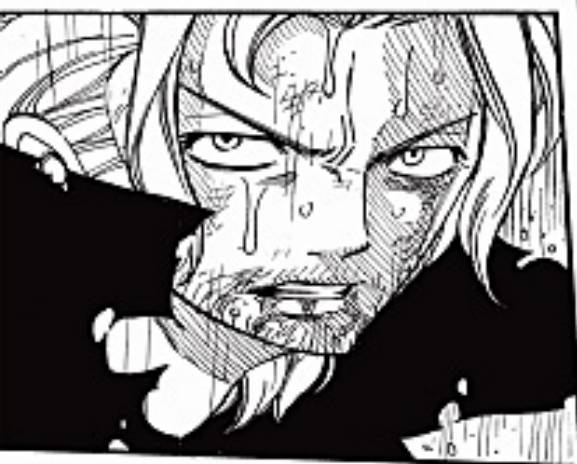
This
isn't
a fair
fight.



He's
back
?!!



With me all
punched up, I
gotta say that
my self-respect
as a test proctor
has been dragged
through the
mud!!



OHAA
!!



Just let me
act cool in
front of those
kids, got it?!



It's about
time we
both got
serious
about
this!

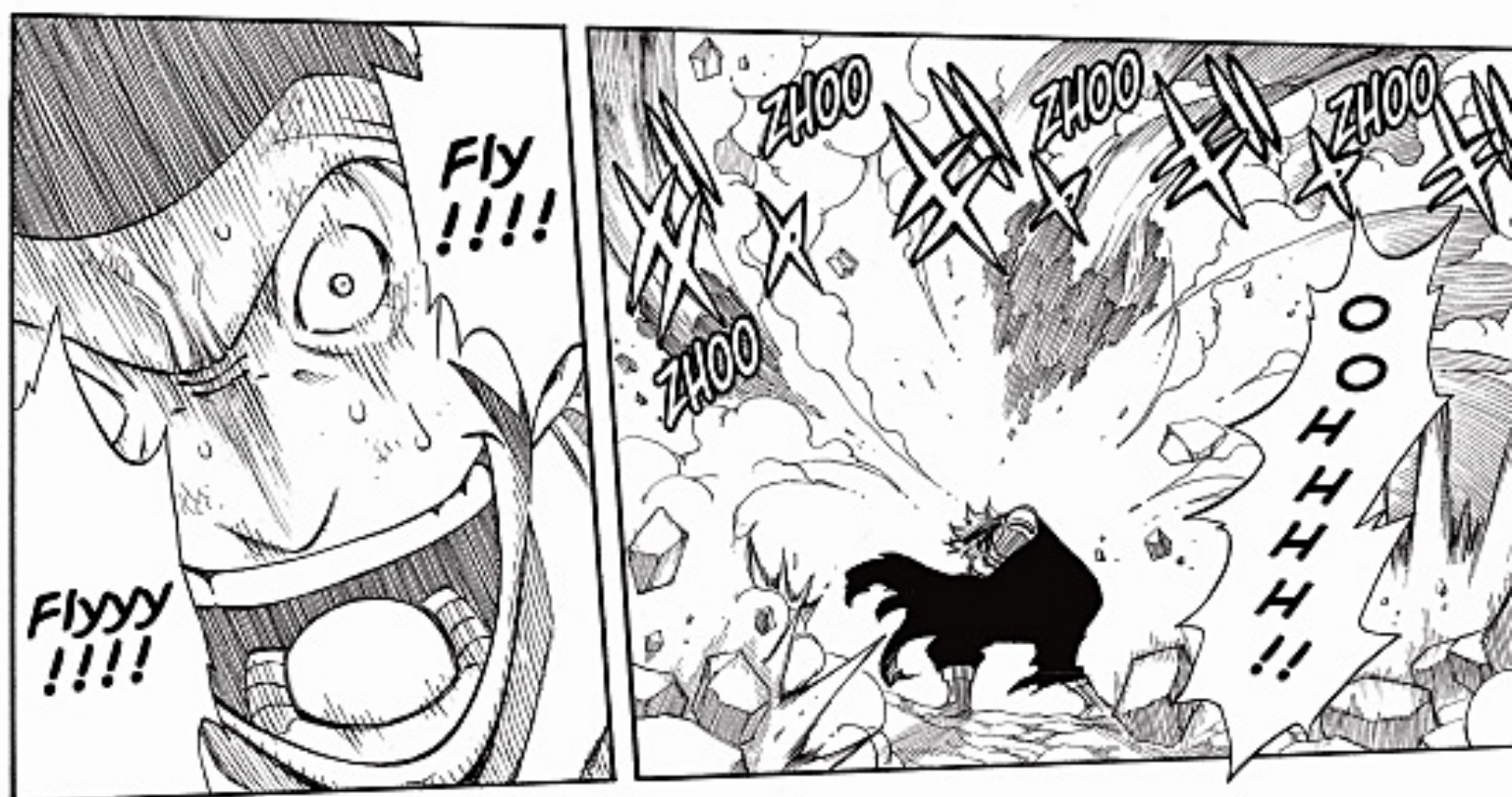


That's
good! That's
real good,
Gildarts
!!!!

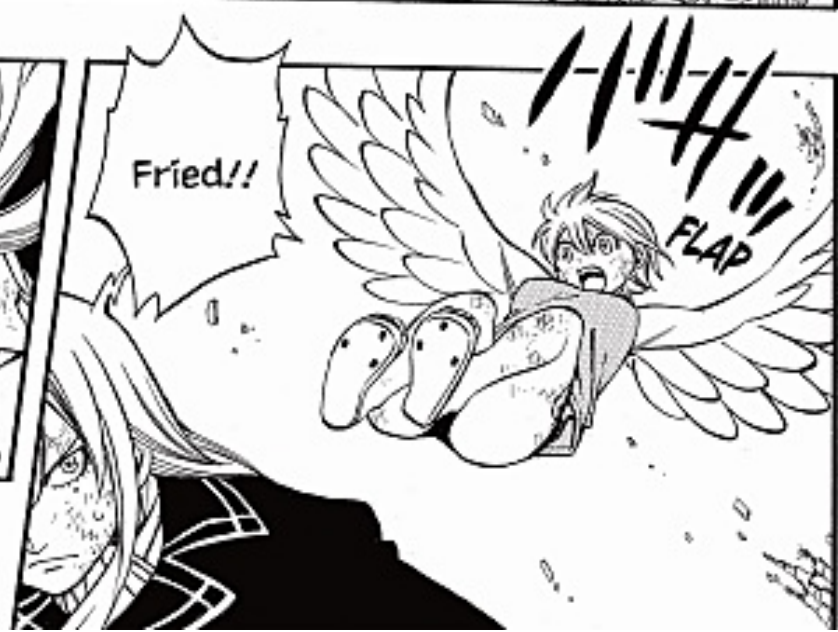
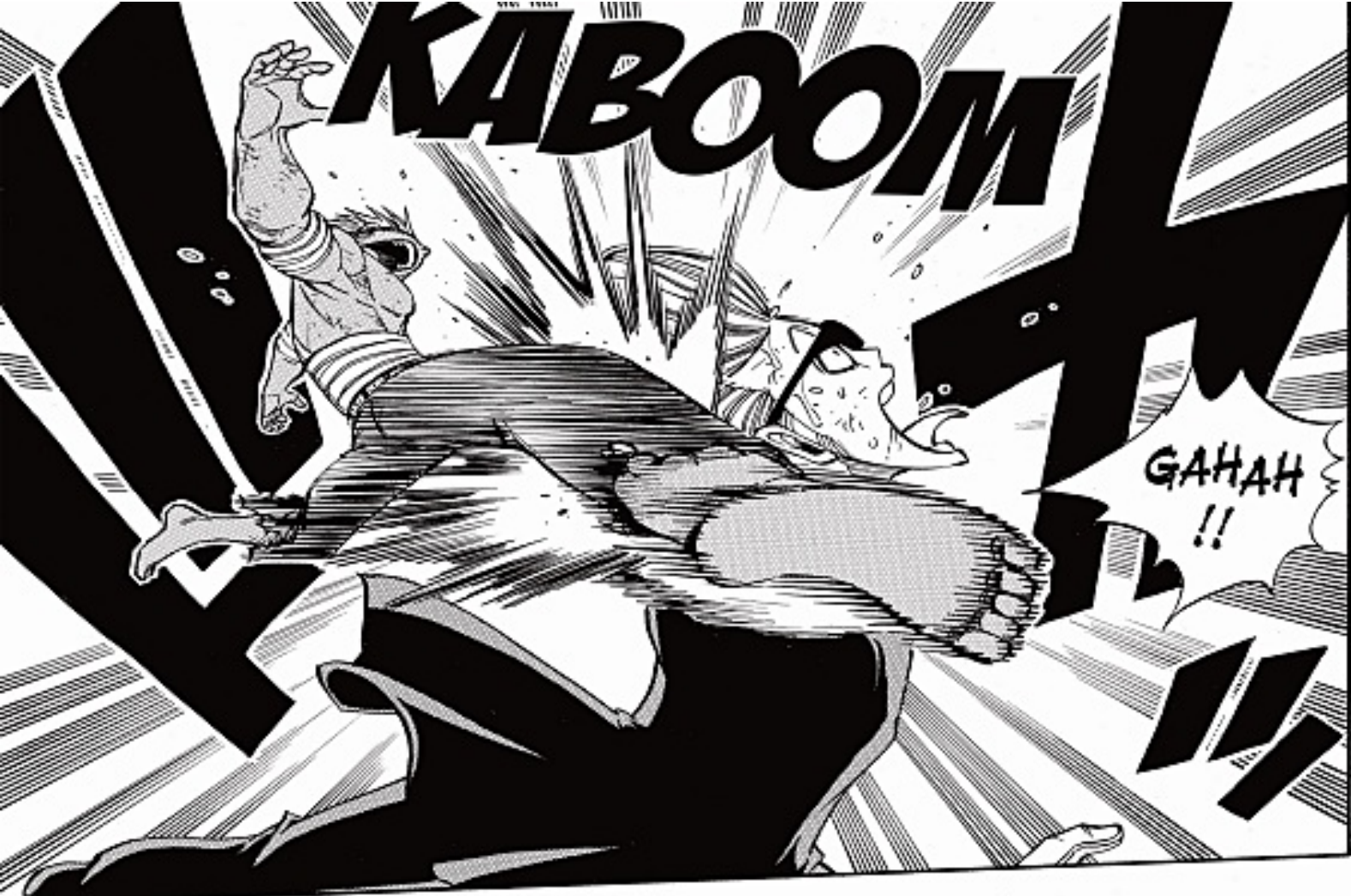
I want
our
fight to
fly even
more
!!!!

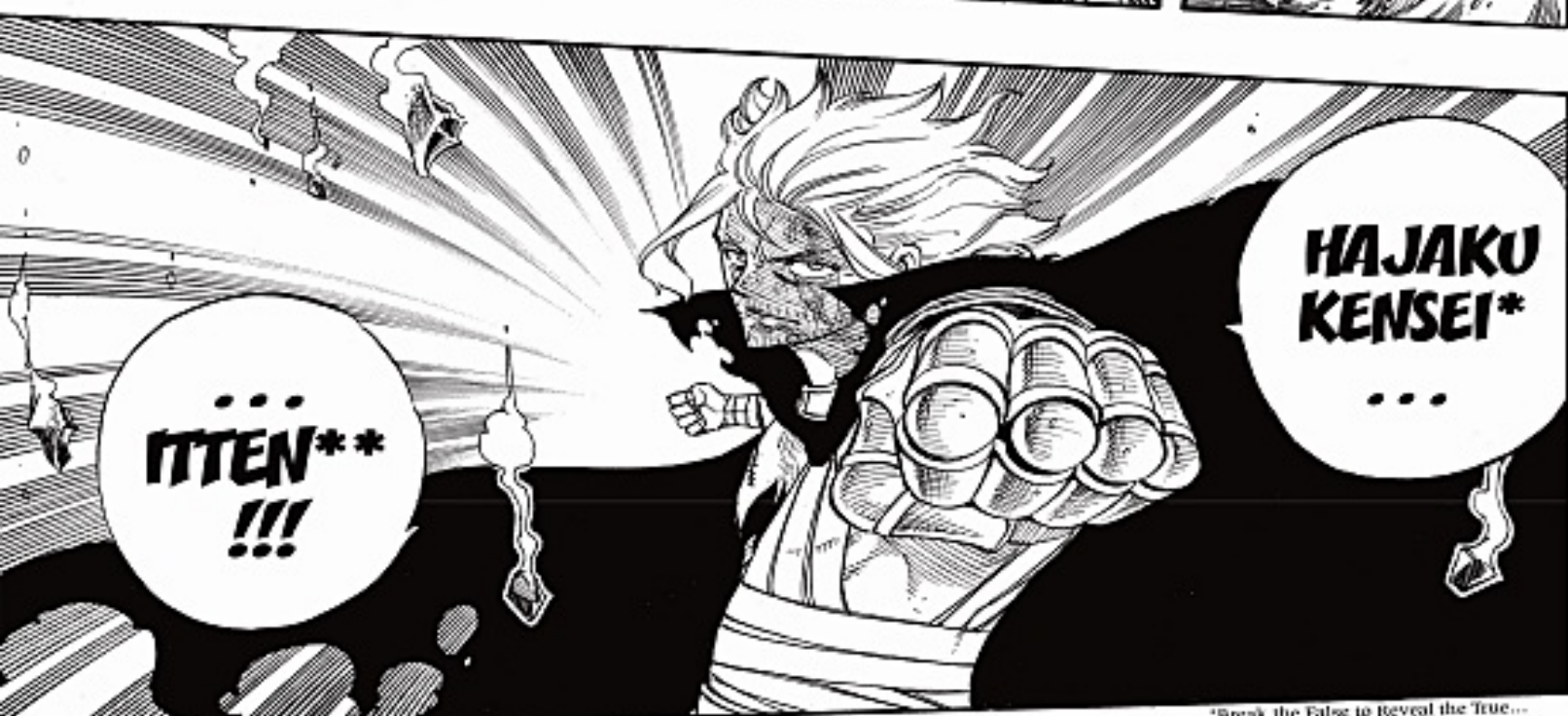


**BLACK
HOLE
!!!!**



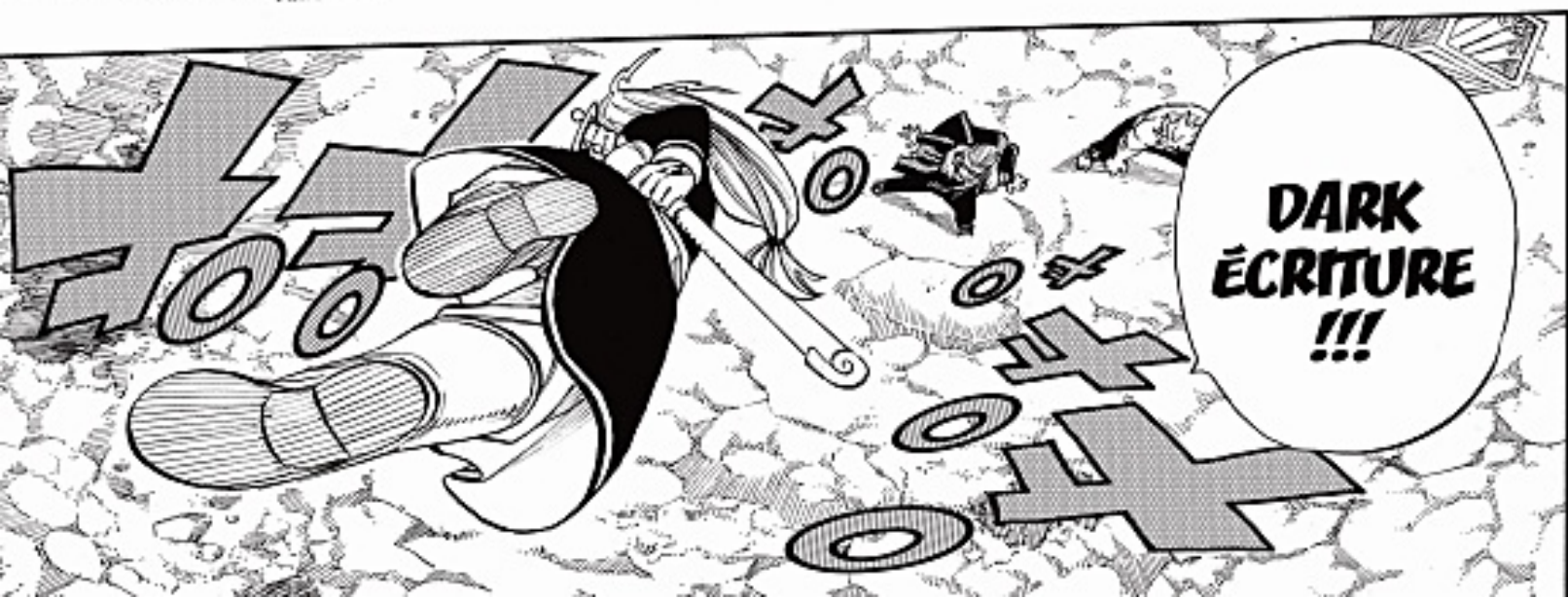






**Firmament!

*Break the False to Reveal the True...

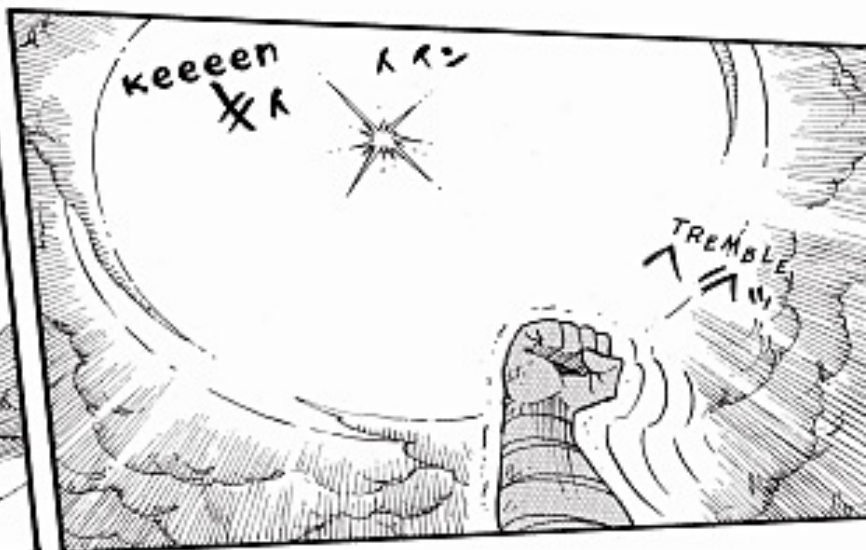






SLASH

**DESTRUC-
TION!!!!**







**You can
defeat Hades
if you use
Ur's magic...
Iced Shell.**



**You are the
only one who
can grant
Ur's wish and
mine!**

Please!

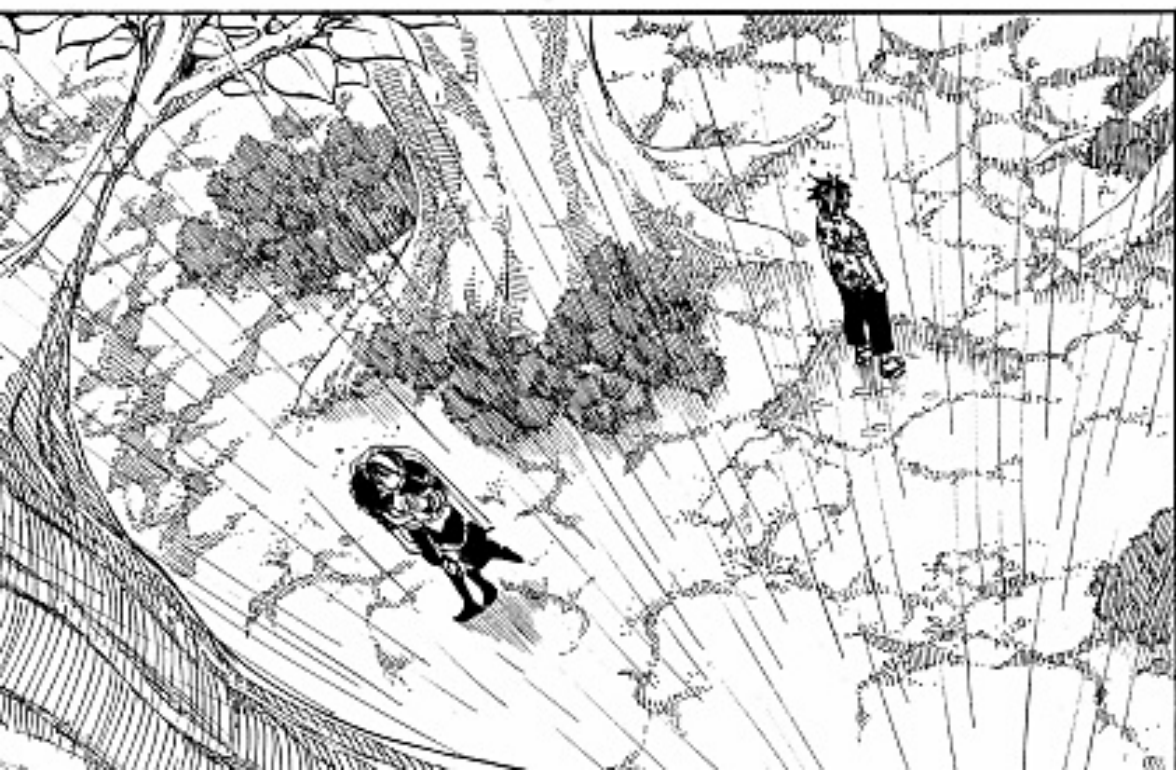
FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル

Chapter 239: The Freezing Warrior











I think so too.

Besides, you've been using your magic constantly all day! You need a rest yourself!

Yep.
Yep.



Thanks for the offer, but treating everyone will extend you beyond your limits...

I'll...start treating everybody right away...

Even Gajeel and Mira...



One team for attack, and the other for defense.

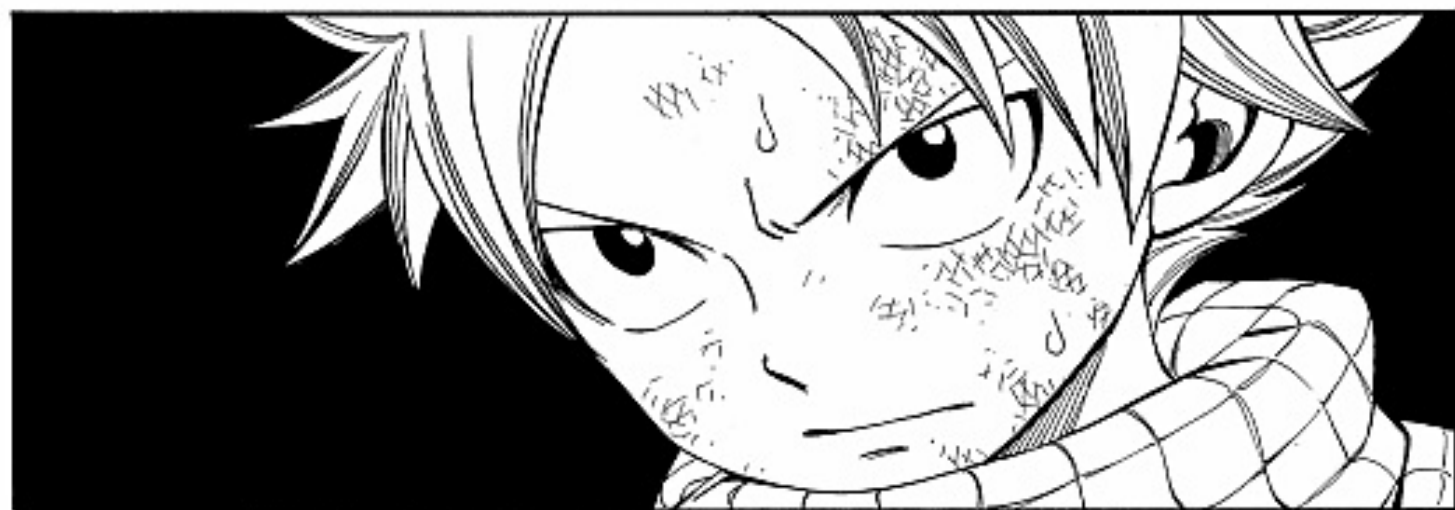


Grimoire Heart's ship is in a bay to the east of us. Since we have to think about protecting the wounded, I suggest we split into two teams.

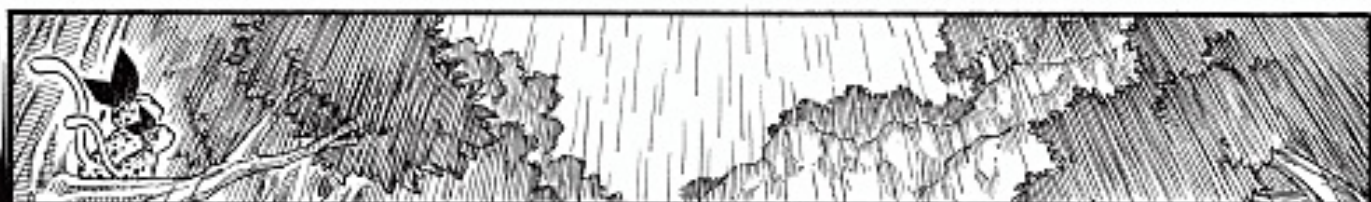


What the hell is going on?!

On top of that, the master and Cana are wounded.









Ur already knew that, and that is why she perfected Iced Shell.

However, the magic of Hades was greater than I had imagined.



...even though I have Ur's blood flowing in my veins.

I could never master it...

Iced Shell?!



...and that magic is Iced Shell!!!

As far as I know, there is only one magic that will defeat Hades...



Please don't worry about Zeref.



I will
never
allow
Hades
to get
him!



I will take
him from the
island and
seal him away
someplace no
one will ever
find him.



*You are
the only one
who can grant
Ur's wish
and mine!*

Please!



He is a
pawn.



He is
not an
enemy...



Ah
ha
ha
ha
ha!!

Heh!

I mean,
who would
fall for a lie I
made up on
the spot like
that?

No normal person!

**And
if it works
out, it'll take
out both Gray
and Hades
at the same
time!!!!**

**I couldn't
think up
a better
plan if I
tried!!!!**



Isn't this wonderful?
To have
both Gray
and Hades
dancing to
my tune?



You'd
deceive
Master
Hades?

Zeref
belongs to
us!



Take out
Master
Hades?
Why?



He is
mine
and
mine
alone
!!!!

I will
never give
Zeref
away to
anyone
!!!!



Yes
...

And before
that eye
turns to us,
we should
leave the
island.



Still, he might
be good enough
to keep Hades's
eye elsewhere for
a bit.

It'd be
too much to
expect Gray
to actually
win that
fight.

Ah, I
shouldn't
indulge
myself.





What's with this woman?

!

Juvia. She's close to Gray.



Hmm?



B-But...

Killing her. What else?



What are you doing...?!!



...but even if you, by some slim chance, survive, I'll make sure your loved ones don't make it!!!



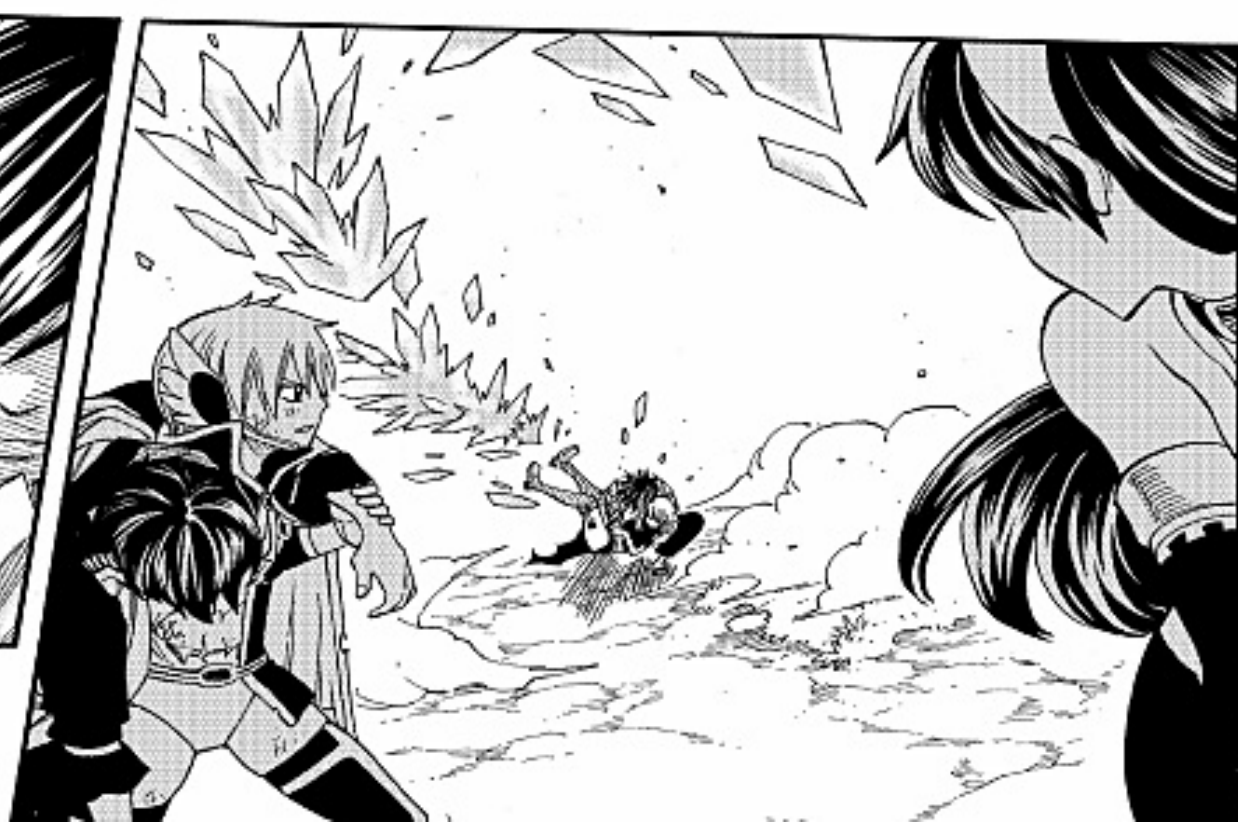
You may be crushed by Hades or die using Iced Shell...

I will leave you with no future, Gray!



She has no will to fight left...

Silence!







I figured
this would
happen.



Gray
!!!

When did you
catch on, I
wonder?



Well... I'm
surprised.

You're
a bad
boy.



I see... So
you acted as
if you believed
me to find
out my true
intentions.



I didn't
believe
a word
you said
from
the
start!

It doesn't
matter if it
is Ur's will!



I've got a
will of my
own!!

Didn't you
hear me
then?!!



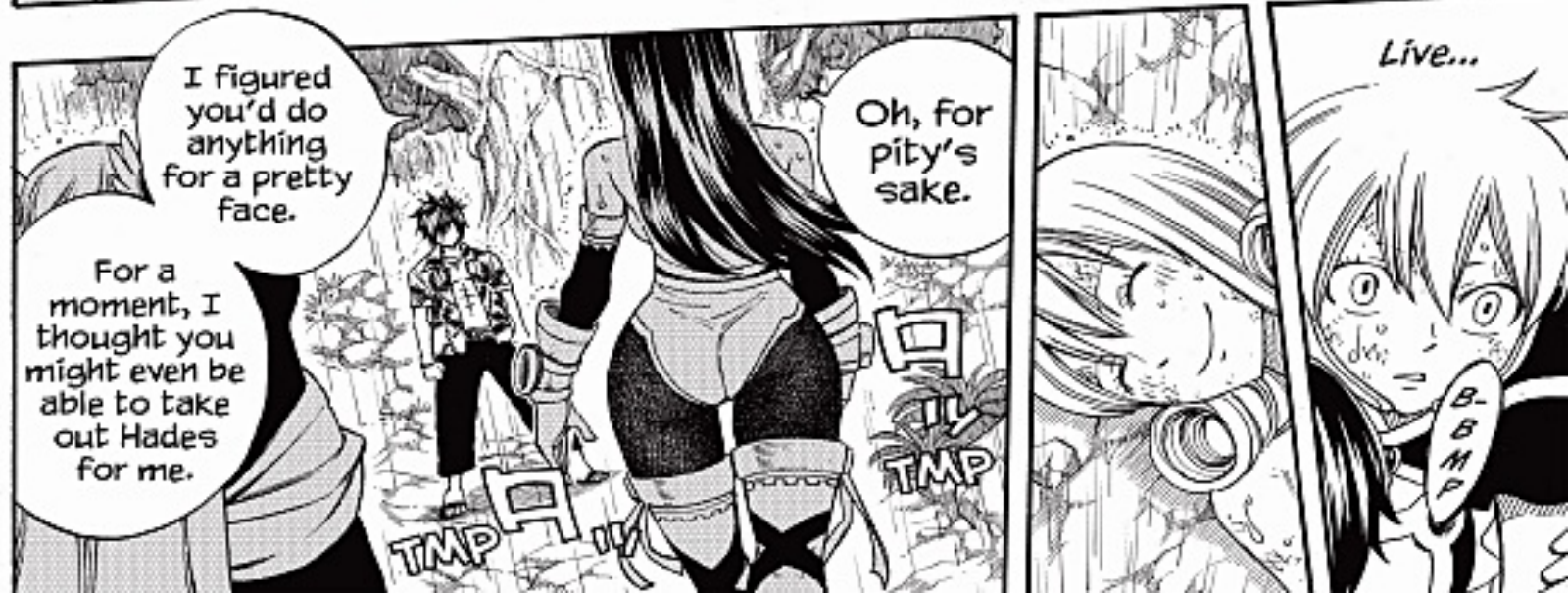
I stopped
you before
because I
didn't want
you to die.

I decided a
while back
never to
try using
that magic
again.





**My
friends
and I are
walking
the path
that lets
us live!!!!**



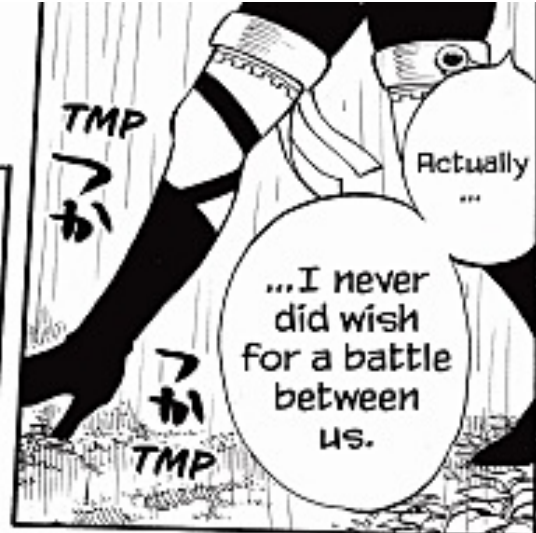
I figured
you'd do
anything
for a pretty
face.

For a
moment, I
thought you
might even be
able to take
out Hades
for me.

Oh, for
pity's
sake.

Live...

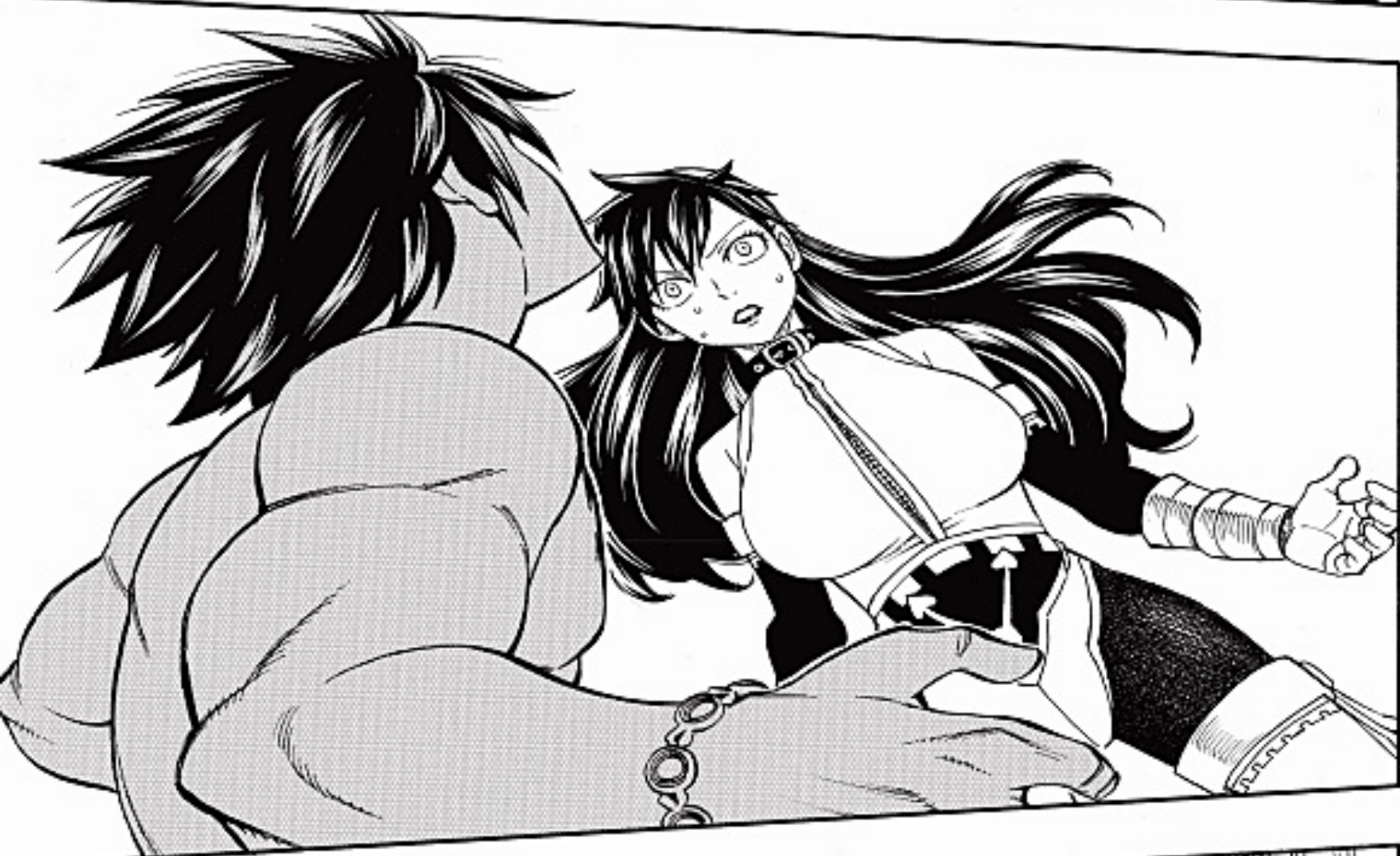
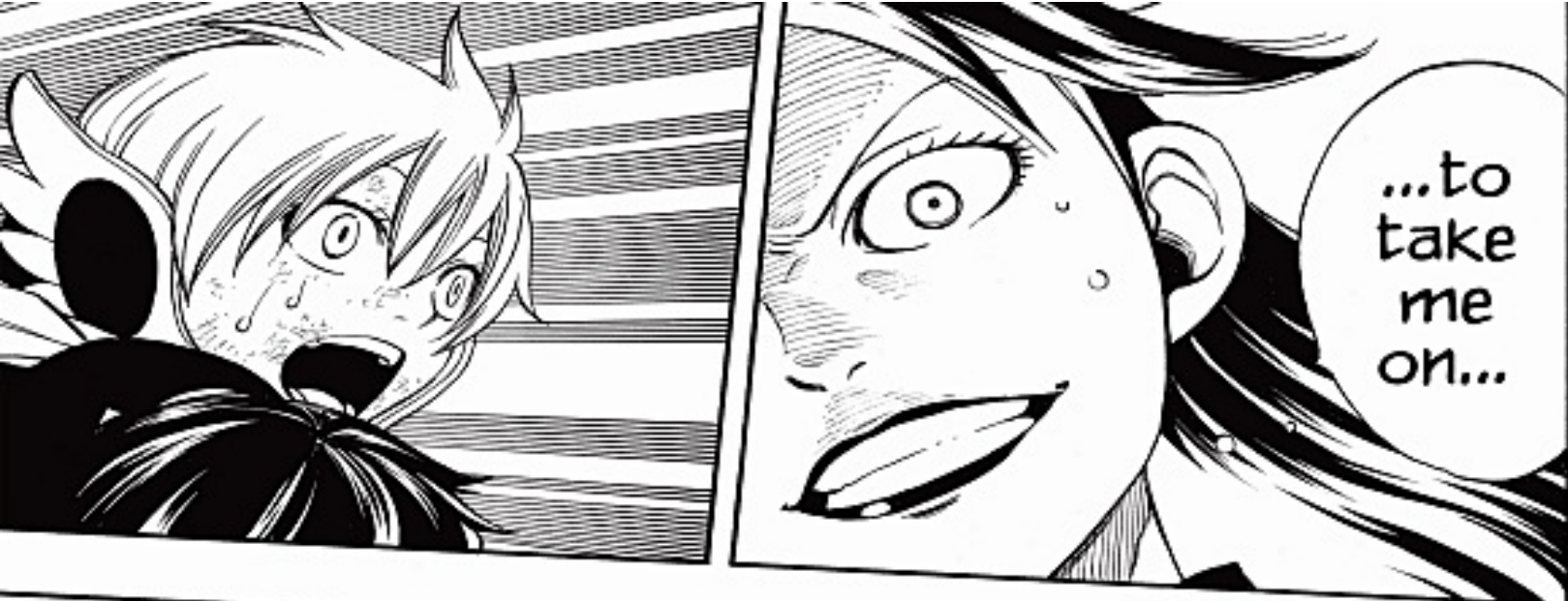
B-B-M-P





A puny
minion like
you could
never
hope...







TO BE CONTINUED

Afterword



There were a lot of drawing mistakes this time. Maybe I shouldn't limit it to "this time." But I had an especially hard time remembering to add in the pattern in Azuma's hair. (Hey!) I tried to fix all the ones that I managed to notice, but I may have missed a few... (cries). I get the feeling that I've told you how I've forgotten to add in characters' patterns or accessories before, but one reason I forget them is the person in charge of adding those patterns keeps changing. Sometimes I get caught up in it and add them myself then and there, and sometimes I save it for later, and sometimes I ask my staff to handle particularly tricky patterns. And sometimes I just forget. At the very worst times I find myself thinking, "Huh? What pattern went with this person anyway?" I do take time to check over my pages every time, but there are a lot of times when I've got other worries on my mind, and that ruins my concentration, so I manage to miss such things. Even though every time...every time I vow to be more careful on the next check!

They often compare manga creators to directors, and I have to admit that I agree with that assessment. Still, not every manga creator could make movies. But I'm talking about "total direction." He draws the *neemu* (which are like storyboards), writes the story and the dialog, maps out the pictures (camera angles), and when he draws, he includes the character layout (positioning), actions (blocking and expressions), backgrounds, props, lines of action, sound effects, lighting... It's all decided by one person. And even when the creator has staff working for him, it's the manga creator who gives the marching orders. In other words, the creator has a lot to do. And it's for that reason that creators sometimes put off applying the patterns until later or delegate it to their staff and then miss it in the checking stage.

I think the worst mistake I ever made was drawing a color picture of Lucy where she's showing the reader the Fairy Tail guild mark that she has on her hand, and I **forgot to draw the mark!** (Aw, man!)

**EMERGENCY
REQUEST!**

**EXPLAIN THE
MYSTERIES
OF FT!**

*In the Magnolia
Shopping District...*

Lucy: Good morning, everybody!

Mira: Hello, people.

Lucy: Our corner today is for those fans who are real nerds.

Mira: Those who aren't can simply skip this column.



: This is the question!!

*How are Fairy Tail's
color pages painted?*



: I-I certainly do wonder about that, but for this we should have Mashima-sensei himself to drone on and on about the subject. Not that he's very good at it...



: You probably shouldn't be saying that...



: And so, here I am to answer the question!

Mira: See? Here he is!!

Mash: I personally would divide my color illustrations into two big groups.

One is drawing with a kind of marker called COPIC where I apply the colors directly to the drawing. The other is to use computer software to apply the colors digitally. Recently, I've been pretty much exclusively using the computer method, so that's the one I'll describe here.

Lucy: That was long!

Mash: First, I do a drawing on paper and trace it using pens or mechanical pencils to produce the line work. Then, I scan in the line work to my PC at a resolution of 300-400 dpi.

Lucy: You lost me after the word "first"...

Mira: Think of "resolution" like this: the higher the number, the more detail.

Mash: Once it's in a data file, I sharpen the image, cleaning up spots and such.

Lucy: Clean up? How do you do that?

Mash: Once it's on the PC, you can subtract whatever line you like at will. You erase it using a tool called "eraser."

When I've finished the PC-based line work, I make a copy and use that as the uppermost layer and paint it in the software's jōsan ("multiply") mode.



: Can I go home now?

Mash: Kind of like this:

Layer 1		Copy of the line work	Multiply
Layer 2		Layer for Coloring	Normal
Canvas		Line work	

Mira: What is a layer?

Mash: Layering means putting things on different levels, so that, for example, the additional colors don't destroy the line work.



Lucy: Are you saying it's easier to paint the colors after you've separated everything out of the original picture?

Mash: You could say that. The more complicated the picture, the more layers you use to paint it. There are rare instances where everything can be done on one layer, though.

Mira: What does it mean to have that copy of the line work as "multiply"?

Mash: It'd take a while to explain the theory behind it, but the basic idea is that, by placing a "Multiply" as the top layer, you can fill in the colors without disturbing the lines.

Lucy: Which means you use the mode without a clue as to the theory behind it, right?

Mash: Actually, there's no absolutely correct way to paint in colors using a PC. Everybody uses his or her own personal methods, or so I hear.

Mira: So how are the colors painted?

Mash: In some cases I use the default brushes that are installed with the software, and in other cases, I used custom brushes that I downloaded. You can choose your own transparency and brightness on the brush, so you paint while adjusting those parameters.



: I hate to bring this up so late in the discussion, but isn't it hard to describe the process of coloring when the explanation is on a black-and-white page? I'm not getting it at all.



: **GONG!!**



: But for any of you who are interested in drawing, if this helped even a little bit, it would make us very happy.

Mash: Urk... I-I really wanted to get into this in more detail...

Lucy: I'm sure you'll get a chance to somewhere, somehow. (Assuming you ever get better at it.)

Mash: I-I'll do my best!

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Shizuoka Prefecture, Hikaridana



▲Y-You think so...? Thanks.

Aichi Prefecture, Yuri Sugihara



▲It's really unusual to see the black-scarf version of Natsu!!

Kanagawa Prefecture, Maron



▲Wow!! That's cool! Maybe this look will show up in the main storyline!

Aichi Prefecture, Kaho Shintaku



▲It's the frog-creature from Edolas! The idea of this thing getting bigger...makes me scared.

Ohh!! ▶
this one's
good!!
And it's
been so
long since
I've seen
Lucy
casually
holding a
whip.



Ozawa Prefecture, Misa Ishi

It's a ▶
strangely
cute
image. I
want to
poke him
in the
cheeks!



Nara Prefecture, Haseki Yamamoto

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The artist ▶
says it's
their gradu-
ation! Then
congratula-
tions!



Guma Prefecture, Mik Candy

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Fukuoka Prefecture, Shirayuki



▲ Pictures with Evergreen all by herself are unexpectedly rare. Thanks!

Kyoto, Kōsuke Kimura



▲ First Fried in a long time! Pretty cool, huh?

Osaka, Sarukichi



▲ I love the way this person drew the kanji for "time!"

Hyogo Prefecture, Nagamaru



▲ Very good! Levy fans have really increased!

Kanagawa Prefecture, Risa Suzuki



▲ The girls of Fairy Tail! Mira-chan is really cute here!!

Aichi Prefecture, Chizuru Kainuma



▲ A Lucy full of energy!!

Kanagawa Prefecture, Hiromi Furiyū



▲ Now this is one cute Gray! Especially the cheeks!

Nara Prefecture, Tsukasa



▲ This one's cool!

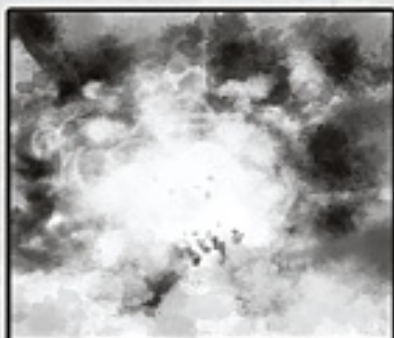
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FROM HIRO MASHIMA



There have been ten opening and ending songs recorded for the first five seasons of the Fairy Tail anime, and a compilation album of them has just gone on sale in Japan! A huge number of them are really wonderful tunes! Some of the artists have also written original works especially for Fairy Tail, so I can't do much else but bow down in gratitude. I mean, I'd have just been happy if they had simply lent a song of theirs to the story, but for going the extra distance, I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation. Thank you so much!

Translation Notes:

Japanese is a tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction with our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

Page 89, Brittia's Ghosts

The island of Brittia is described by the Byzantine historian Procopius in the sixth century A.D. He describes the island as a place where the souls of the northern European tribes go after they have died.

Page 114, Folium Sica

Azuma's attack names seem to be of Latin origin. *Folium* is Latin for leaf (and is the origin for the English word, "follage") and *sica* is a kind of long knife used in Roman times for battle. The Japanese version agrees with that since the Japanese writing reads *ha no ken* ("Leaf Sword").



Page 114, Ramus Sica

Like Folium Sica, this attack name comes from the Latin language. *Ramus* is Latin for branch, and *sica*, as mentioned above, is a knife weapon. This agrees with the Japanese writing in the Japanese version since *eda no ken* means "Branch Sword."



Page 123, Terra Clamare

Like Azuma's other attacks, this name seems to be based in the Latin language. The Japanese version of the manga had this attack name in Japanese as *daichi no sakebi* (Cry of the Earth) with a *katakana* pronunciation guide of *tera kuramaare*. That would be how the Japanese would pronounce the Latin words *terra*, which means Earth, and *clamare*, which is Latin for invocation.



Page 156, Tower of Dingir

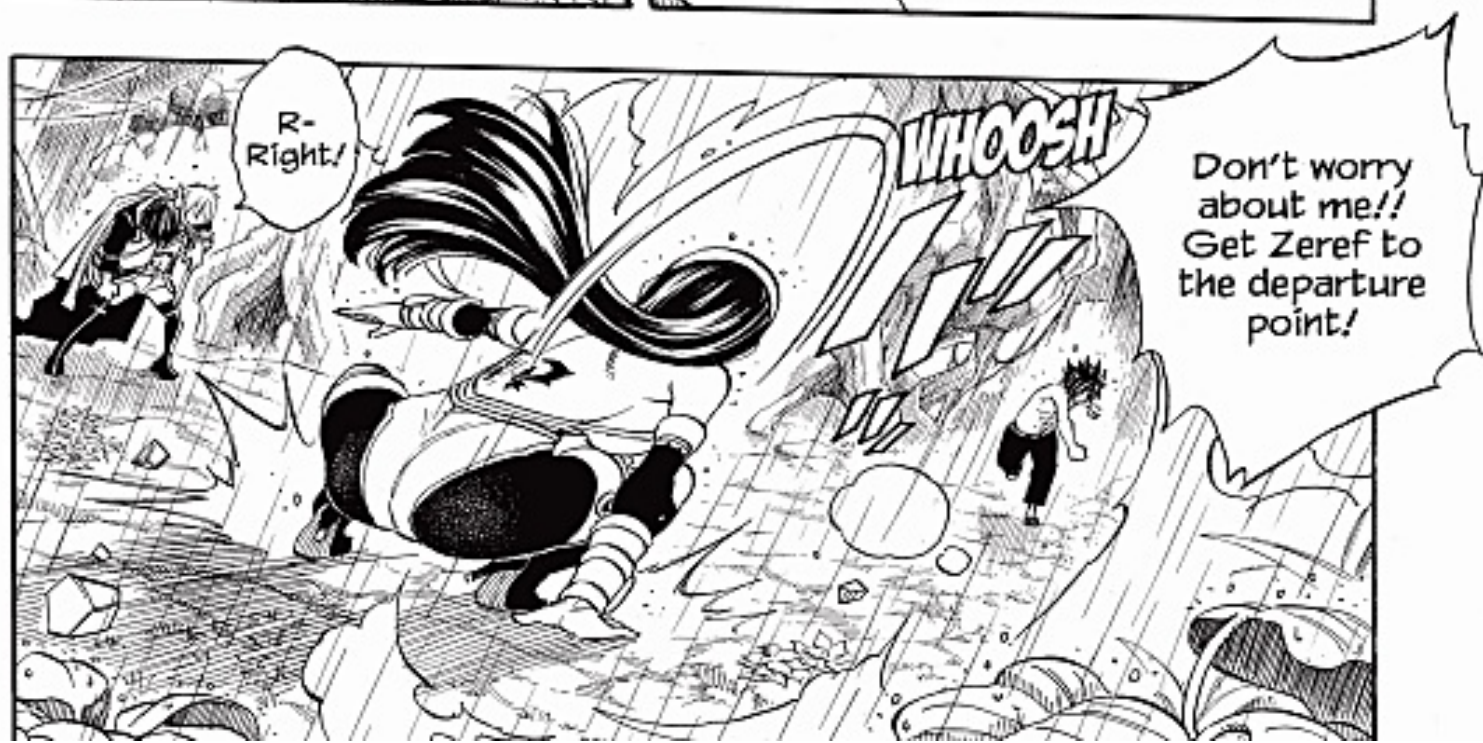
Although the Japanese version does not specifically designate what Dinger means, a cuneiform character from both ancient Sumerian and Assyrian has the same pronunciation and a meaning that seems to fit. In both ancient languages, Dinger means 'deity,' so a translation of the name of this attack would be "Tower of God" or "Tower of the Gods."

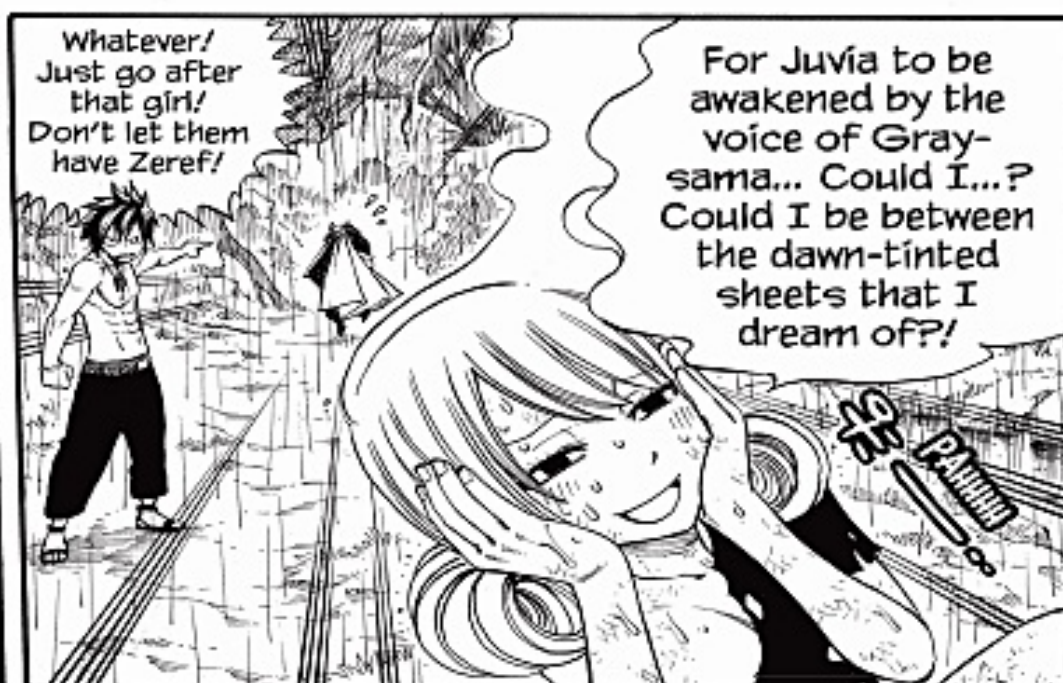
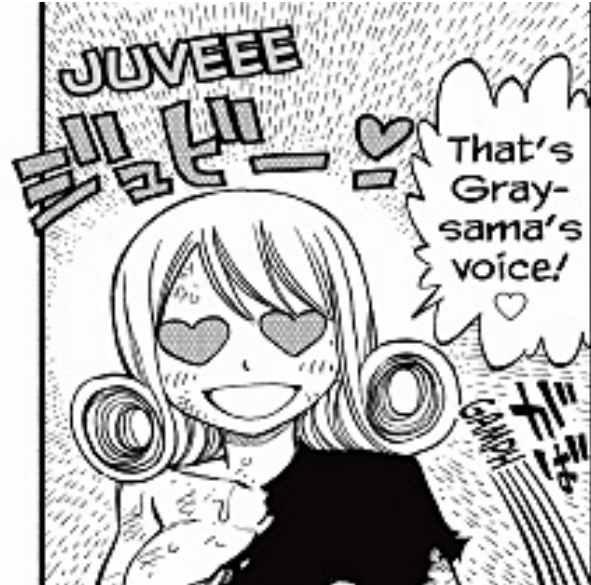


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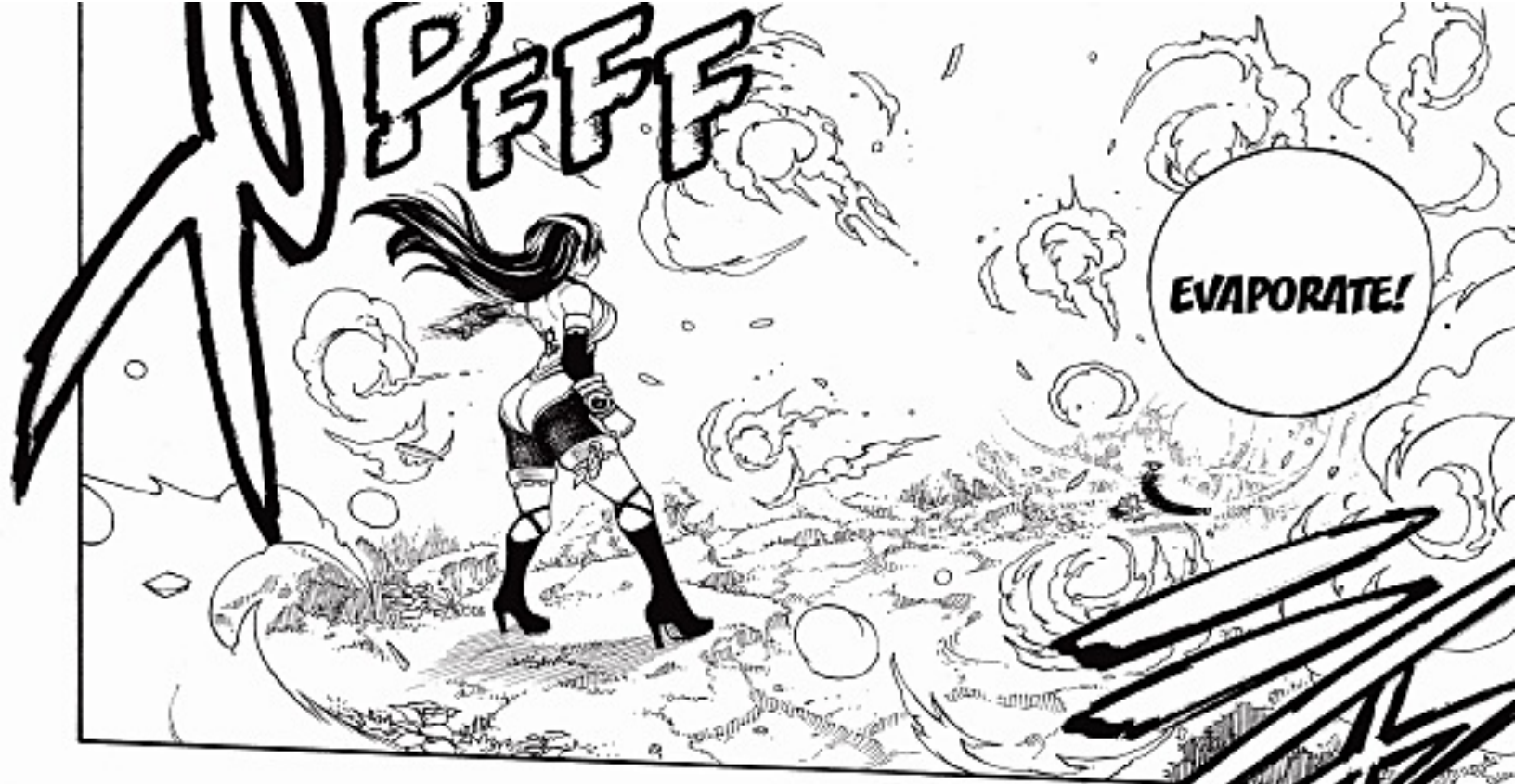


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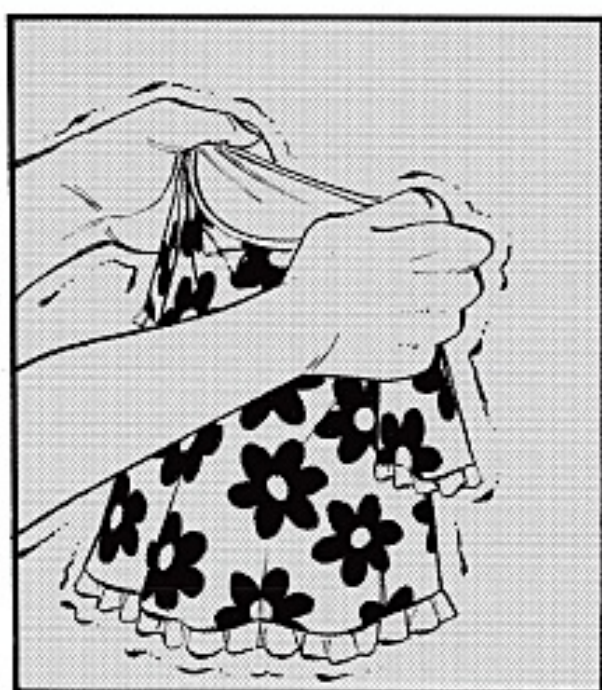
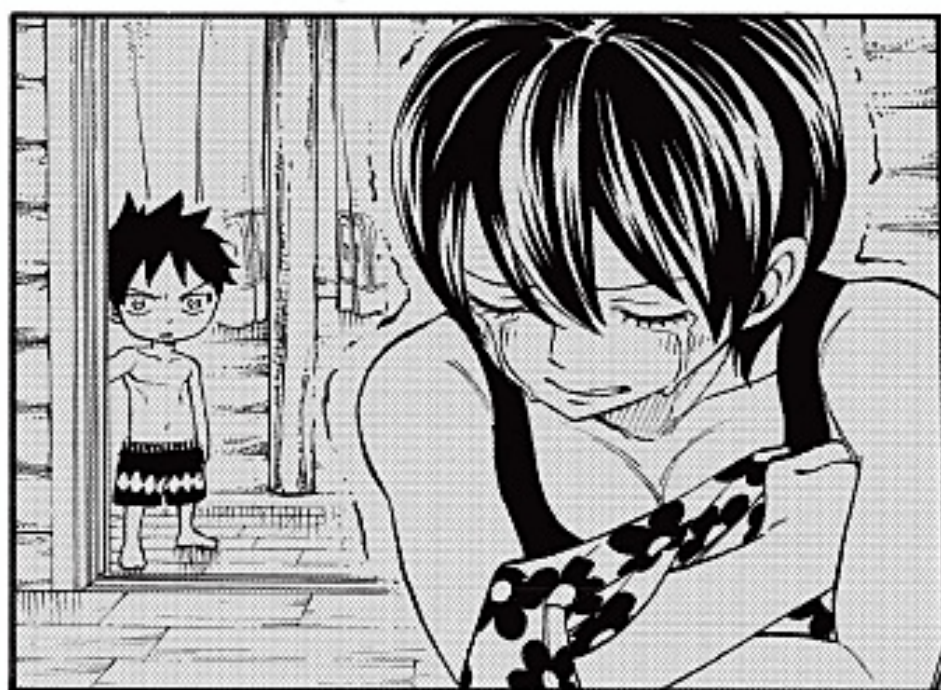
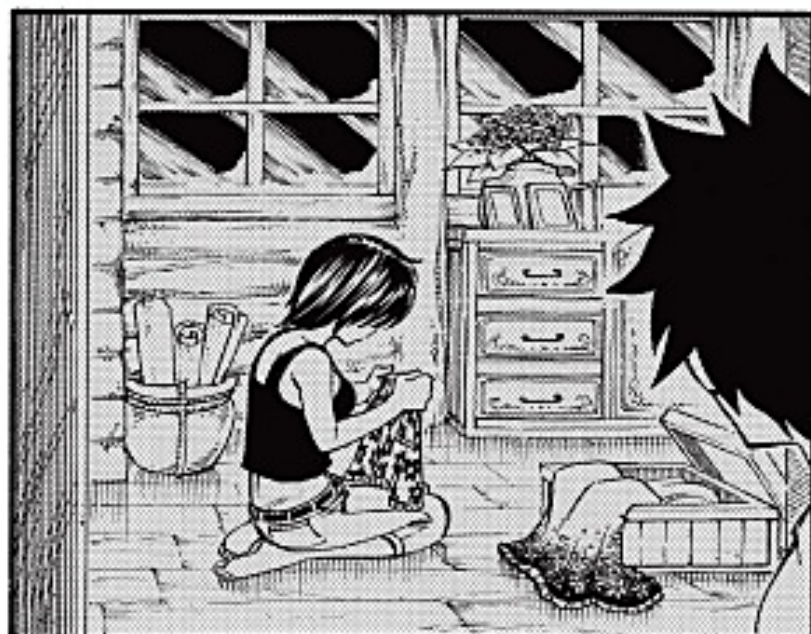
When it comes to Gray-sama's commands, pain is as nothing to Juvia!





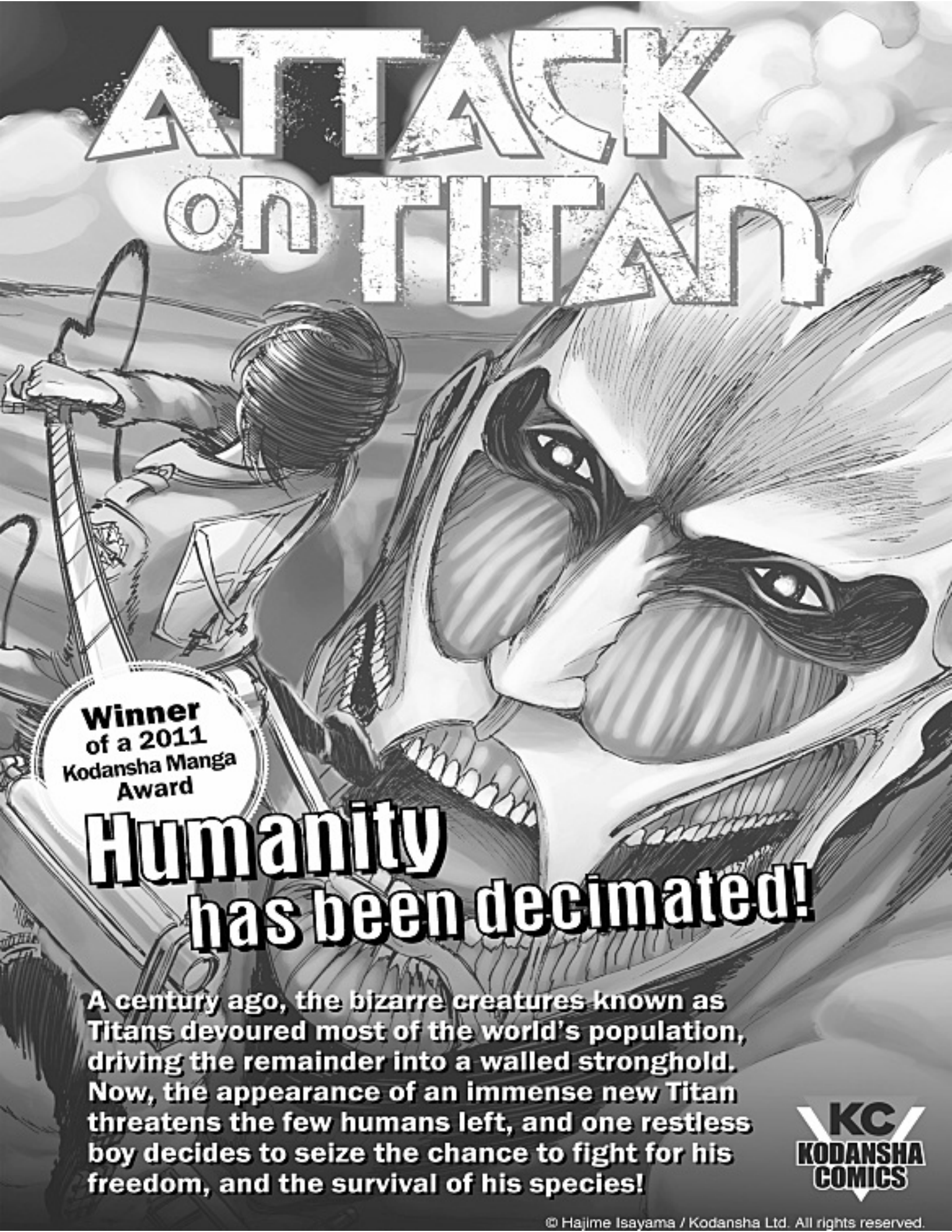








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